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AUSTRIA ASKED FOR DISAVOWAL IN CASE OF STEAMER ANCONA

American Note is Said to be Friendly in Terms, But is Vigorous in Tone.

REPARATION IS ASKED

Requests Punishment for the Commander and Assurances Against Future Like Acts.

Situation Regarded One for Grave Consideration.

Washington, Dec. 8. — The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of the submarine attack upon the Italian liner Ancona, assurances that such an act will not be repeated, some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine, and reparation for the American lives lost. The communication started by cable yesterday from the State Department to Ambassador Frederick C. Penfield, at Vienna, who was instructed to hand it to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, Baron Burian. Word of the delivery of the note had not been received by the Department tonight.

Friendly But Firm Terms.

Friendly but firm terms, it is said, characterize the document, which is understood to make a particular point of prompt assurances for the future safety of American lives. Austria-Hungary has never informed the United States whether the commanders of its submarines had been given instructions similar to those which the German government gave to its commanders after the Lusitania tragedy. It is understood that the note referred particularly to the charge that shells from the submarine killed or wounded some passengers on the Ancona after she had halted and asked for an explanation on the point.

In dispatching the note Secretary Lansing acted with the approval of and after consuling with President Wilson. It is stated authoritatively that the document which is described as being comparatively brief and decidedly in tone, was so drafted as to attempt a settlement of the controversy at once without bringing on a series of communications such as followed the sinking of the Lusitania.

Calls for Grave Consideration.

High officials are said to be of the opinion that the situation is one which calls for grave consideration, the state of affairs having become more complicated since the note was dispatched by reports of attacks upon American oil-carrying vessels in the Mediterranean, presumably by Austrian submarines. News that the note had been sent came as a complete surprise to official Washington generally, the report which emanated from the State Department early in the week being that no positive and corroborated evidence as to what actually had occurred when the Ancona went down had been received. It was said that the reports received were fragmentary, conflicting or contradictory, and that until a reply to the inquiries submitted to Austria-Hungary was received, it was probable that no communication would be sent to Vienna. Tonight it was suggested in some quarters that information of a most conclusive nature had come to Secretary Lansing, proobably late Monday night; and that it had been decided then that the protest should go forward immediately.

Whether Ambassador Penfield had transmitted the reply of the Vienna foreign office to the list of queries submitted by the United States could not be ascertained. The belief prevails, however, that the State Department had received answers of some sort to the queries.

Asked as to Warning Shots.

In the inquiry Austria-Hungary was asked, among other things, whether a warning shot had been fired before the ship was shelled, whether time was given the passengers to get to a place of safety, and whether any shots were fired at the ship after she had come to a standstill and before the torpedo that sank her was launched.

The Austro-Hungarian embassy here had not been advised tonight that the inquiry had been answered and it was said the Italian ambassador, who has transmitted much information, upon the sinking of the Ancona had not furnished the United States with anything additional.

The Ancona was sunk in the Mediterranean sea on November 9 while bound from Naples for New York. The only testimony of a native American survivor of the liner before the department is in a deposition of Dr. Cecile Greil, of New York. In her deposition Dr. Greil, asserts specifically that the liner was torpedoed while the men, women and children in the cabin and steerage were scrambling to get into the small boats. The department has been inclined not to accept this single statement as positive proof

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DEMOCRACY WILL WIN SAYS WILSON

Tells Committeemen T... Is Only Republican Issue.

IN TALK AT LUNCHEON

Touches Many Subjects in Informal Speech — Committeemen Leave White House Inspired with New Confidence.

Washington, Dec. 8. — President Wilson told members of the Democratic National Committee, at luncheon in the state dining room of the White House today, that the Republicans had no issue for the next campaign except the tariff, and that Democracy was certain to win. "Our constructive work has started an irresistible movement which cannot be stopped," he declared. "Anyone who tells you otherwise is talking through his hat."

Mr. Wilson said nothing to indicate whether he would again be a candidate for the Presidency. Throughout his entire talk, which dealt with subjects ranging from Democratic chances of victory to features of the "isolated" life of a chief executive, the President was informal. Taking his place at the head of the table he thrust his hands into his trousers pockets, cast aside what he termed his "dress parade" language, and talked freely and confidentially.

Committeemen Are Inspired.

Democrats of all factions greeted his remarks enthusiastically. They left the White House in buoyant spirits, declaring that his optimism had inspired them with new confidence. It was the first time, committeemen said, that their body had been received as a whole in the White House. They expressed regret that the text of the President's speech would not be given out, as they regarded it as a vigorous campaign argument.

At the outset the President said he wanted the members to feel that they were a part of a big family of which he was a member. He asked whether any one present could suggest any campaign argument other than the tariff which the Democratic opposition could advance, and they shook their heads. Nobody knew at this time, he added, what sort of a tariff measure must be framed to meet changing conditions resulting from the war.

Discussing parties and policies generally, the President insisted that the Democratic view was that the majority should rule, while that of their opponents was that a "board of trustees" should act for the people.

Touching upon the Mexican problem he said this same majority rule should apply in Mexico as well as this country, without regard to the wishes of persons residing in other countries, who hold Mexican property. He expressed the belief that in due time peace would come in Mexico, when the people were thoroughly tired of raising disturbances.

The President faced a united committee, leaders declared tonight, rumors of threatened breaks between friends of Fred. B. Lynch, the Minnesota committeeman, and Chairman William F. McCombs having been promptly disposed of.

Mr. McCombs and most of the other committeemen left for their homes tonight. The chairman will name the convention committee on arrangements this week and within a month it will hold its first meeting in St. Louis.

TO CONTINUE WAR TAX.

Kitchin Says Bill Will Go Through Congress Before Christmas.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Chairman Kitchin, of the House ways and means committee, after a conference with Secretary McAdoo, announced today that the Democrats would put through Congres before the Christmas recess a bill to continue the emergency war revenue law which would expire by limitation Dece... his is estimated to rais... $80,000,000 annually. Mr. ... repeal of the free sugar ... of the Underwood tariff law ... sidered at the same time, ... has been understood that ... stration's general revenue ... sures ... ight not be taken up until ... idays.

The emergency ... bly will be extended for a ... legislation was suggeste... ry McAdoo as one of t... ngress should do to provi... t and expected financial b...

There is no neces... diate action to keep the d... ugar, as under the law s... go on the free list until ...

CANAL IS NEAR ...

Excellent Progress Bei... ing Panama ...

Panama, Dec. 8.—S... t progress has been made ... ing in the Gaillard cut ... a canal that now only 50 ... l separates the waters of ... This little neck of land, ... feet high, can be removed ... in a few days unless the b... the bottom proceeds too ra... dredgers.

Colonel Goethals, howeve... to predict when the canal ... opened. He says the slides ... yet stopped.

CAPTURE OF TANK SHIP IS REPORTED

Ambassador Page Informed Communipaw Was Not Sunk.

WA...KEN TO A PORT

Conflicting Reports From Ambassador Page Leaves Washington Officials in Suspense—Details Are Lacking.

Washington, Dec. 8.—A dispatch late today from Ambassador Page, at Rome, stating that he had been informed that the American tank steamer Communipaw had been captured and taken to a port unnamed in his message, following conflicting reports from Rome and London, one reporting the vessel sunk off Tobruk, Tripoli, and the other announcing her safe arrival at Alexandria, Egypt, left officials here in suspense.

Earlier in the day Ambassador Page had reported that an American ship "held to have been the Standard Oil steamer Communipaw" had been torpedoed and sunk. Ambassador Page's source of information was not divulged in his message, but it was thought possible that he had received the same report as that transmitted in press dispatches last night from Rome and that the message might simply have been delayed in transit.

Officials suggested that while a German or Austrian submarine might have attacked and sunk the Communipaw, it was highly improbable that such a craft could have carried off the tanker because the close blockade of the Adriatic sea by the allied fleets left no Mediterranean opening for the Austrians and Germans to enter. As the vessel was bound for Alexandria, an allied port, it seems improbable that the seizure was made by an allied submarine.

State Department officials are awaiting with interest further information, both as to the Communipaw and the Standard Oil tanker Petrolite, reported attacked by a submarine in the Mediterranean Sunday morning.

United States consular and diplomatic agents in Europe, it was assumed, would cable additional details at the earliest possible moment, although they had not been requested to do so.

SAYS SETON WAS DROPPED AS CHIEF SCOUT OF BOY SCOUTS.

Statement of National Council Declares He Did Not Resign.

New York, Dec. 8.—The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, through an authorized committee, held a special meeting today to consider a statement issued by Ernest Thompson Seton in which he said that he had resigned as Chief Scout. After the meeting the council issued this statement in part:

"Mr. Seton did not resign; he was deliberately dropped by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America on the question of Americanism. He is not an American citizen. He not only resented suggestions and requests made by many of his friends in the Scout movement that he become an American citizen, but went rather and objected to the Boy Scouts hand book including a chapter of patriotism."

RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS IN SESSION

Secretary of Commerce Redfield Delivers Address.

Urges Greater Transportation System and Says "Pork" Barrel Must Be Dissociated From the Cause If It Wins.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield, at the opening session of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which met here today for a three days' convention, urged a greater transportation system for the United States, pointing out that the way to acheive that object was to extend the waterways of the country.

Referring to the use of the word "pork," in connection with the development of waterways, Mr. Redfield declared, "We in America will have our little laugh no matter what development it holds back." He said he did not think the word "pork" was used with justice. Single individuals might make a mistake, he said, but he declared "pork must be dissociated with the rivers and harbors cause before that cause can win." The Secretary told the congress he did not believe there need be any antagonism between railroads, and waterways, for, he said, each had its place.

Senator Randall, of Louisiana, president of the Congress, read his annual address at the morning session.

At the afternoon session Martin Behrman, mayor of New Orleans, ascribed the present dominance of railroads to the fact that the government for a long period devoted its energies and money to encouraging rail lines, while neglecting water transportation. There is now beginning, he declared, a movement to insure to waterways the same protection and encouragement that the railways have enjoyed. Interest is also turning, he said to the development of harbor and terminal facilities.

ANGLO-FRENCH ON THE GREEK FRONT NOW THREATENED

Germans and Bulgarians Have Reached Kenali; Situation Fast Develops.

FRENCH FORCES RETIRE

Forced to Leave Krivolak Salient by Bulgar Attack Near Strumitza.

London, Dec. 8.—The Balkan situation is developing rapidly. The Germans and Bulgarians have reached Kenali, on the Greek border, ten miles south of Monastir, thus threatening to outflank the Anglo-French forces, while Bulgars, who also are supposed to be supported by Germans, have attacked the Allies' extreme right wing near Strumitza.

Under this pressure the French have withdrawn from the Krivolak salient and at last accounts had taken up a position at Demirkapou in a deep gorge about twenty miles from the Greek frontier through which the Saloniki railway runs. Here they were attacked by the Bulgarians, who according to the French reports, were repulsed.

The plans of neither the Allies nor the Germans are yet quite clear but apparently the Germans are determined on crushing the little force which went to the assistance of the Serbians and which has been and is still being reinforced. The retirement of the Allies to Demirkapou has led to the report that they intended to abandon the Balkan enterprise entirely, but the continued landing of troops at Saloniki would seem to deny any such intention while there is a very strong military opinion here that Saloniki should be held as a base for future operations in the Near East.

There is little news from the other fronts. The Germans have secured a minor success in Champagne where they captured about 500 yards of a French trench, part of which, however, has been regained; the British have reinforcements at Kut El Amara where they are making their stand after the retreat from Ctesiphon, and the Italians, who for the past two weeks have been on the offensive, are now engaged in meeting the Austrian counter attacks.

The expected offensive of the Allies in Galipoli peninsular did not materialize, while throughout Russia the wintry weather has put a stop to all but small ventures.

FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT

As to Austrian Announcement of Vessels Destroyed.

London, Dec. 8.—The Austrian announcement yesterday that the French submarine Fresnel had been destroyed

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ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR GIANT STEEL MERGER

For Forming Another Gigantic Corporation

Proposed Deal Takes in Five Companies, Including the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 8.—Plans were announced here today for the merging of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company, the Cambria Steel Company, Lackawanna Steel Company, Youngstown Steel & Tube Company and either the Inland or Iroquois plants, near Chicago, into another gigantic steel corporation.

The deal will be consummated within the next ten days if plans don't miscarry, according to J. Leonard Replogle, head of the syndicate which purchased the 240,000 shares of the Cambria Steel Company held by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. Replogle made the announcement tonight after he had obtained options on practically all of the 60,000 shares of Cambria Steel held by Johnstown people. Mr. Replogle said that these holdings, together with what his syndicate has, will be turned into New York interests represented by him at $80 a share. The consumption of the merger will depend on the capitalists obtaining control of 100 more shares of Cambria. It was said, however, no trouble was expected in getting these holdings. The options secured in Johnstown are good for five weeks.

KNOWN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

Merger No Surprise at Newport News. May Enlarge Plant.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 8.—It has been known here for several weeks that plans for the merger were under way and the consummation of the deal does not come as a surprise. Homer L. Ferguson, president and general manager of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company, now in

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WILL NOT OPPOSE DEFENSE PROGRAM

Senate Republicans Willing to Support Plans.

AS NON-PARTISAN ISSUE

Senator Gallinger Tells President His Party Will Give Support If Democratic Caucus Does Not Frame Plans.

Washington, December 8. — Senate Republicans will make no partisan fight on the National defense program if it is not framed by the Democrats in caucus. Senator Gallinger, the Republican leader, told President Wilson today that the Republicans want the army and navy strengthened, and are willing to co-operate with the Democrats. Later, Mr. Gallinger said President Wilson had told him he would not approve of the Democratic caucus making the defense plans a party measure. It was also announced that in a conference Chairman Chamberlain and May, of the military committees, had decided not to introduce bills they had prepared at this time, but to submit it informally to the committees for deliberation.

"If we should introduce them now, they might be construed as partisan measures," said Senator Chamberlain.

"I agree with the thought in the minds of the President and Secretary Garrison in the preparation of the administration plans," said Senator Gallinger, at the White House, "but I have not studied all the details yet. The Republicans will not treat this matter in a partisan manner and I so told the President. We will honestly co-operate with the party in power in working out defense plans which will be adequate and sane. But we will not agree to have the Democrats frame their plans in caucus and then ask us to approve them. The question of preparing for the defense of the nation is not a party one, and the Republicans are ready to meet the Democrats half way, if the majority is really willing to discuss this question on a non-partisan basis."

Senator Gallinger disagreed with the President on his plan for a merchant marine and for raising the money necessary for preparedness. When the administration shipping bill is introduced, Senator Gallinger said, he will offer a substitute. The Republicans, however, he added, favored using the merchant marine as naval auxiliaries.

Senator Gallinger advocated a bond issue and opposed President Wilson's programme of internal taxation. He particularly objected to a tax on automobiles and gasoline. He said, however, that he favored lowering the income tax minimum, and he believed a tax on bank checks would do no harm. He opposed a tax on iron and steel.

Representative Mann, Republican leader of the House, will discuss the National defense plans with the President tomorrow.

EMPEROR HIMSELF MAY RECALL THE ATTACHES

His Personal Interest Given as the Cause for Delay.

Allied Governments Will Grant Safe Conducts for the Officers Solely as Request from the United States.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Germany's delay in complying with the United States government's request for the recall of Captain Karl Boy-Ed and Captain Franz von Papen, attaches of the German embassy here, is due to Emperor William's personal interest in the two officers, the State Department has been informed. It was stated that as the two attaches were appointed by the Emperor, he probably would personally give orders for their withdrawal.

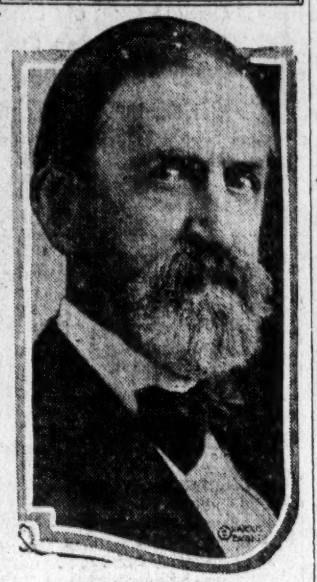
The Berlin foreign office, however, desired full information on the subject, before laying it before the Emperor, and it was this that prompted the request for specific information of acts which caused the United States government to declare the attaches persona non grata.

Any application for safe conducts for Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen will be considered by the Allied governments solely as a request of the United States.

The first impulse among representatives of the Allies was to flatly refuse to enter into any undertaking to refrain from treating the two German officers, once they are deprived of their diplomatic immunity, as entitled to any treatment different from that which would be meted out to any enemy soldier or sailor.

Further consideration, however, has led to a change of view. If the United States should take the ground that it is responsible for the safe return of the two officers to Germany the allied governments would be disposed to refrain from intervention, though it is probable that they would insist that the men give their parole not to serve actively during the war.

Again Heads Democratic Caucus of U. S. Senate



Senator John W. Kern.

Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana, has been re-elected to the chairmanship of the Senate Democratic caucus. His election took place at the first meeting of the caucus several days ago. It is sure he will see some noble battles before the fights over many Senate questions are fought to a finish.

RED CROSS HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEET

President Wilson Presides at Afternoon Session.

WORK IS REORGANIZED

Dr. Richard Strong Reports on Conditions in Serbia—Charles J. O'Connor Tells of Starvation in Mexico.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson and former President Taft sat on the platform together here today at the annual meeting of the American Red Cross. The President and former President greeted each other warmly. In a brief address President Wilson praised the humanitarian work being done by the American Red Cross in the European war, saying it was the greatest agency the United States had for good.

President Wilson presided at the afternoon session of the Red Cross and introduced Dr. Richard Strong, who recently returned from Serbia where he had charge of the typhus fight.

Reorganization of the society to meet the need of separate divisions in charge of military and civilian relief work was the chief business of the meeting.

The office of national director was abolished and in its place two offices were created—director general of military relief and director general of civilian relief. Ernest P. Bicknell, formerly national director, was placed at the head of the civilian branch, and Major General Arthur Murray, retired, elected vice chairman of the central committee, was named director general pro tem of military relief. All other officers of the society were re-elected.

A resolution was adopted thanking the Rockefeller Foundation for its cooperation with the Red Cross in relief work in Serbia.

President Wilson occupied the chair while Dr. Strong told of the American Red Cross sanitary work in stamping out typhus in Serbia and during the address of Charles J. O'Connor, special representative of the Red Cross, who brought word of the famine and misery as he saw them two months ago in Mexico City.

Dr. Strong in concluding his address turned toward the President as he said, "We have heard much in the United States of the preparedness of our country for general defense. One important problem in this connection is the question of the preparedness of our preparations to deal with epidemics of infectious diseases in the field and their knowledge of the problems relating to the hygiene of camp life and of large bodies of troops."

Mr. O'Connor replied to those who have charged Red Cross workers with giving untrue reports of conditions in Mexico City by saying that he had data showing that in the Federal district about Mexico City in October the daily number of deaths due to starvation was about 220. He added that he considered it a conservative estimate to say that at least 2,000 were dying every day in the whole of Mexico for lack of food or on account of disease attendant upon famine conditions.

"In the streets," he declared, "I often saw gaunt women and children clawing in barren garbage cans for scraps. I saw acres of pauper graves where the dead were buried so fast that the tin name plates required by law were not set above the graves. I saw a constant procession of funeral cars and coffins borne on the head."

NO APPLICATION YET MADE

To Great Britain for Safe Conduct for German Attaches.

London, Dec. 8.—The foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, announced in the House of Commons today that no application had been made to the British government for safe conduct for captains Carl Boy-Ed and Franz Von Papen.

BAPTISTS CHOOSE REV. W. N. JOHNSON STATE SECRETARY

Wake Forest Pastor Elected on 3rd Ballot to Succeed Dr. Livingston Johnson.

BOARD CLEAR OF DEBT

State Convention at Charlotte Has a Great Day; Notable Addresses Are Heard.

(By T. W. Chambliss.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 8.—Men's hearts were tendered and many checks were glistening because of unbidden tears when Rev. Walter N. Johnson stood on the platform facing the Baptist State Convention this afternoon. Dr. Johnson was trembling with suppressed emotion, his face was white and he strove to speak. Only a few minutes before the result of the third ballot for corresponding secretary had been announced and the Convention learned that they had elected Rev. W. N. Johnson, pastor of the Wake Forest church, to succeed Rev. Livingston Johnson, resigned.

"I cannot think," said Dr. Johnson, when he was presented to the Convention, "but one thing I do know; no man can tell what a Baptist State Convention will do." Dr. Johnson was taken by surprise and asked for time to consider before he decided.

This has been a great day. Dr. Livingston Johnson reported that belated offerings had reached the treasurer and there would be no debt but a balance of $7. Rev. Dr. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, Ga., the corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board, delivered a very striking address. It was a masterpiece.

Then Rev. Dr. A. T. Robertson stirred the Convention, and tonight Rev. I. M. Mercer, of Thomasville, presented "Woman's Work" effectively and Rev. J. F. Love, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., held the splendid audience spellbound as he presented world-wide missions.

The Election Interesting.

This morning when the selection of a corresponding secretary was called for it looked like there would be some interesting moments. When an effort was made to appoint a committee to nominate a successor to Dr. Johnson, the opposition opened up and when the smoke of the battle had blown away, the committee resolution was defeated and beyond all question old precedents had been broken, a new way had been determined.

Rev. R. G. Kendrick, Greensboro, and Dr. Baylus Cade, of Shelby, were apposing leaders. Dr. Cade used ridicule in his line of battle and the reaction helped the other side. No nominating speeches were permitted, the names being simply announced. Prior to the taking of the first ballot, the Convention refused to consider any proposition to drop names and Mr. John A. Oates declined to allow his name to be used. Three ballots were taken. On the third ballot Rev. W. N. Johnson was chosen.

Those placed in nomination for corresponding secretary were: W. N. Johnson, Wake Forest; C. E. Maddry, Raleigh; C. H. Durham, Winston-Salem; W. C. Barrett, Gastonia; C. L. Greaves, Lumberton; R. A. McFarland, Scotland Neck; W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory. On the first ballot Rev. W. N. Johnson received 152 votes, 63 votes less than a majority. On the second ballot Dr. Johnson lacked one vote of a majority, and on the third and final ballot the majority in favor of Dr. Johnson was pronounced. The ballot was Johnson 318; Maddry 44; Durham 36; scattering 12. In a moment the election was made unanimous by standing vote.

The new corresponding secretary, Walter N. Johnson, is a native North Carolinian, educated at Wake Forest College, and for several years was corresponding secretary of missions in Louisiana. Five years ago Dr. Johnson returned to North Carolina as the pastor of the church at Wake Forest.

Tuesday Dr. Johnson delivered an address before the Pastors' Conference on "Baptist Finance" and the address seemed to draw attention to the Wake Forest pastor as the man to succeed Livington Johnson. Other men had been on the minds of many who turned to W. N. Johnson as soon as his name was presented.

Report State Board.

With intense interest the great gathering of representatives of Baptist churches of North Carolina listened this morning as Rev. Livingston Johnson read to them his final report as corresponding secretary of the board of missions and Sunday schools. Dr. Johnson has for fifteen years led in magnificent work and the Baptist denomination owes much of its tremendous progress in that period to the matchless energy, the spirit filled life of their chosen leader and now, as he lays aside the mantle—as he returns to the pastorate men from all sections of the old North State feel keenly the sense of loss.

It was a report brimful of joy. Success achieved. Progress attained. Obstacles overcome. The Kingdom glorified. There were a few sentences which told of a bit of falling backward but there were real reasons for the apparent decreases.

The report is replete with songs of praise and as the conclusion puts it—"We are profoundly grateful for the unity that prevails throughout our ranks. There is not within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention a state in which the spirit of unity is more nearly perfect than it is here in North Carolina, and in very few states

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Horse Trader's Tournament-----Shallotte, North Carolina

Third Week in December, Beginning Monday, December 13th, and Ending Saturday, December 18th.

A WEEK OF FUN AND AMUSEMENT

Amusements For The Week Will Be

TUESDAY, an old time Barbecue
WEDNESDAY, an Oyster Roast
THURSDAY, a Fish Fry
FRIDAY, there will be a Fox Chase with 20 hounds.

Arrange things so you can attend this TOURNAMENT for you will miss the time of your life if you fail to come Bring all your horses with you, for you will be able to trade anything from a jenny to a billy-goat—automobiles included.

Wednesday and Thursday will be Auto trading days and all wishing to swap machines are invited to attend these days.

Everything will be FREE during the week, all the Camping Ground desired will be furnished those who wish to come and camp for the week.

A Special Invitation is extended to the Horse Traders of Brunswick, Horry, Columbus, Bladen, Pender and New Hanover counties.

For Information Write **H. T. C. Committee, Shallotte, North Carolina.**

MELLEN WANTED LINE THROUGH TO CANADA

Running From New York Up New England Coast.

Said it Could Have Served as Military Base Line During War—Boston Refused Permit to Connect With B. & M.

New York, Dec. 8.—Had Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, had his way, he testified today, he would have established a through line along the coast of New England from New York into Canada that would have served as a military base line for the protection of New England in case of war. This war line was one of the beneficial possibilities, he pointed out, of the acquisition of the Boston & Maine by the New Haven road and would have been established had the city of Boston agreed to his plan to connect the terminals of the two roads in that city by a tunnel.

The testimony was given by the former New Haven president on cross-examination at the trial of the 11 former directors of the road, charged with conspiracy to monopolize New England transportation traffic.

When the New Haven acquired the Boston & Maine, the witness said, the late J. P. Morgan was very enthusiastic about his plan to build the Boston tunnel and stood ready to finance it.

The jury also heard today through testimony by Mr. Mellen and documentary testimony, introduced by counsel, that William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, had as a private citizen approved the New Haven's plan to acquire the Boston & Maine.

Mr. Mellen also reiterated his testimony on direct examination that Franklin K. Lane, now Secretary of the Interior, while interstate commerce commissioner, had advised the purchase of the Boston & Maine to prevent it, for military reasons, from going to a Canadian road.

Former Attorney General Wickersham also was cited as having in his annual report to Congress on December 10, 1909, stated that after an investigation of the Boston & Maine purchase he had been satisfied "that the facts did not disclose any violation of the law."

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Frying Pan Shoals Lightvessel Withdrawn from Station.

The Weekly Notice to Mariners, in its issue of December 4th, has the following with reference to the withdrawal of the Frying Pan Shoals light vessel, the station being marked by a relief light vessel:

"On November 20, Frying Pan Shoals lightvessel was temporarily withdrawn from her station, and the station was marked by a relief lightvessel. The relief lightvessel is a steamer with a tubular mast surmounted by a lantern and gallery. The hull is painted red with middle section white, and the word 'Relief' in black on each side, and the stack, mast and lantern black. The relief vessell shows 1 fixed white light of about 700 candlepower, 48 feet above the water. The fog signal has the same characteristic as that of the station vessel."

VERDICT IS HELD

Award of $4,500 in LeGwin Case Upheld in Supreme Court.

The only case of local interest disposed of by the Supreme Court in the regular weekly delivery of opinions yesterday at Raleigh was that of LeGwin against the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Co., in which the higher court held that there was no error, thus affirming a judgment of $4,500 in favor of the plaintiff (Mr. LeGwin, an engineer for the Chadbourn Lumber Company, who was injured by the backing of some cars on him while working near the lumber mill a year or two ago.

The plaintiff was represented by ex-Judge E. K. Bryan, of the Wilmington bar, and according to the decision the amount will now have to be paid to the plaintiff. This case was the only one from New Hanover decided by the court yesterday.

DR. MOORE ELECTED.

As Successor to Late Dr. C. T. Harper on State Medical Board.

Dr. E. G. Moore, of Elm City, was, Tuesday afternoon at a conference of the board in Raleigh, elected a member of the State Medical Board of Examiners to succeed the late Dr. Chas. T. Harper, of Wilmington. The other members of the board are Dr. I. M. Taylor, Morganton; Dr. J. G. Blount, Washington; Dr. J. F. Highsmith, Fayetteville; Dr. J. Q. Myers, Charlotte; Dr. Hubert Royster, Raleigh; Dr. M. L. Stevens, Asheville.

The board also adopted appropriate resolutions on the death of Dr. Harper and named June 26th as the date of the 1916 examinations to be held in Raleigh.

HOLD MASS MEETING ON FORD PEACE SHIP

Extracts of the President's Message Are Read.

Ellis O. Jones Refers to the Message as "Reactionary"—Dr. C. F. Aked Makes Lengthy Speech —Wireless Message Sent.

New York, Dec. 8.—Wireless advices received today from the peace ship Oscar II, signed by Henry Ford and prepaid, tell of a mass meeting held on board last night at which extracts of the message of President Wilson to Congress were read by S. S. McClure, the publisher.

Ellis O. Jones, a writer of New York, referred to the message as "reactionary," and said it should not be received in silence.

"We are going abroad now," he said, "on a mission to stop a terrible war among nations, every one of which is prepared in a military way. This is no time to disturb American traditions and prepare the United States for war."

Mr. Jones pointed to the fact that the United States and Canada had lived side by side for a century without soldiers, forts, guns or trenches, and that there only existed a preparation for peace between Norway and Sweden. He concluded with the remark that "this body of earnest, unselfish men and women should speak in no uncertain terms about this message."

A lengthy address by Dr. Charles F. Aked, of San Francisco, was included in the advices received from the Oscar II. He told of some of the great events that had sprung from small beginnings.

"Who knows," he said, "but that we ourselves may bring those diplomats and rulers and statesmen around their table, face-to-face, to talk things over quietly a little sooner than they would have done if Henry Ford had not brought us upon this ship?

"We make our appeal to that which is stronger than earth and is enduring as heaven, the principles of humanity, brotherhood, conscience, faith, hope and love, and in this appeal we cannot fail.

"I am as certain as I am of my own existence that good and lasting good will come of it."

BAPTISTS CHOOSE REV. W. N. JOHNSON STATE SECRETARY

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is there so happy a condition as we have here."

Financial Conditions.

The board closed the year with bright financial outlook. The year opened with a debt of $5,000 on the board and the convention instructed the board to lay out the work on a basis of $50,000 and in addition take care of the debt and also care for certain church building obligations amounting to several thousand dollars. The result was that the appropriations amounted to $57,300 and when the books of the treasurer were closed it appeared that there was a debt of $1,875 and shortly after the closing the treasurer received $1,000 which leaves a net debt for the new year of $875 and the record of having raised over $5,000 more than was raised last year.

The offerings of the work of the home mission board show a decrease over last year, the total receipts being $29,820.36 as against $34,982.06 last year—a decrease of $5,051.70. Last year the churches sent direct to the Atlanta board $6,181 and this year the total of direct gifts amounted to only $2,551.02. In his report Dr. Johnson suggests the possibility of an error in last year's figures which would result in the decrease being reduced. The total offerings to the work of the foreign mission board for the year amount to $46,454.78, as against $52,728.87 last year, a decrease of $6,300.05. In addition, however, the Baptist churches of the State contributed this year $18,900 to the Judson Centennial fund—a fund for the permanent improvement of foreign mission property, and this makes a total of $65,354.78 for work in foreign fields.

Results of the Work.

Aside from the financial report the board shows magnificent results achieved during the year. The missionaries of the board preached 13,541 sermons; supplied 441 churches and outstations; received 3,687 by baptism and 2,302 by letter and witnessed 3,885 conversions. During the year 19 new church buildings were completed against 24 completed last year; there are now in process of erection 34 church buildings as against 46 reported last year; the mission fields contributed more than $2,000 above the amount contributed last year for objects of the Convention. The total contributions of the mission churches amounted to $97,005.74. The missionary workers report 404 Sunday schools with 45,840 pupils and 2,036 conversions from the schools.

Church Building Fund.

During the past eight years the board has aided in building of sixty church buildings and the aggregate value of these buildings is $245,000. This year the board asks the convention to instruct them to appropriate $3,500 toward the payment of the debt on Wake Forest church building. This recommendation will receive action later.

In view of the fact that there has been some question raised concerning the expense of the board—the office expense and salary list—the report makes clear the entire matter. The total administrative expense for the year is $8,350 and this includes the item of $648.51 paid out as interest on borrowed money, due, as the report expresses it, to "lack of system on the part of churches for collecting funds." The expense is divided among the three funds, State, home and foreign missions.

Sunday School Work.

The report of the Sunday school work of the denomination stirred the hearts of the assembled delegates. There are now in the State 2,120 Baptist Sunday schools and 2,136 churches. In ten years the gain in number of Sunday schools has been 830, while the gain in number of churches has been 395. During the same ten years the churches have gained 93,953 members and the Sunday schools have gained 110,334 pupils. The Baptist Sunday schools now contribute over $40,000 to the missionary objects of the convention. The past year shows a gain of 68 new schools and a gain in membership of 13,785. The total contributions toward the expense of Sunday school missions for the year was $3,412.05. The Sunday school board at Nashville contributed $500 toward the work. Increased interest is reported in teacher training and the organized class. There are now 435 organized adult classes with a total membership of 13,881. There are 78 Berean, 100 Fidelis, 82 Baraca, 97 Philathea and 97 classes of other names registered with the Sunday school secretary.

When the report of the central committee of the woman's work was read the convention was inclined to unite in a song of praise. Over $42,000 contributed by the women's organizations for current missionary work and in addition $6,071.28 to the Judson fund and $212.39 to the home church building fund, making total contributions of $48,874.71. The report shows 1,162 organizations, an increase of 121 during the year. Forty-four associational meetings were held and determined efforts made at larger enlistment on the part of the women.

Recommendations Suggested.

The board of missions and Sunday schools made the following recommendations which will come up for discussion and action Thursday:

1. That only three per cent. of the amounts collected for home and foreign missions be charged to these objects for State expense.

2. That the work of enlistment be suspended as now conducted and in lieu thereof the board be authorized to arrange with the home mission board, if possible, whereby a co-operative missionary can be put in the field to aid missionaries in evangelistic meetings and when not so engaged to do enlistment work.

3. That the B. Y. P. U. work be combined with the Sunday school work and the title of the Sunday school secretary be changed to Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. secretary.

4. That the board be instructed to appropriate $3,500 from the church building fund toward the Wake Forest church debt.

5. That the work next year be projected on a basis of $55,000.

6. That the treasurer close his books on Tuesday after the third Sunday in November.

7. That the home mission board be requested to employ a missionary to work among the Cherokee Indians in Western North Carolina.

A Wireless Discovery.

Professor Michael I. Pupin.

Prof. Michael I. Pupin, of Columbia, has just announced the discovery of a receiver for wireless telephony which is sensitive only to such waves as the operator desires.

It will make the arts of wireless telephony and telegraphy commercially practicable over long distances, and may sound the doom of the cable.

The professor told of his invention during his address before the National Academy of Sciences.

WANTED AT FAYETTEVILLE.

Invitation Sent to State Convention for Next Session.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 8.—An invitation from the First Baptist church of Fayetteville has been forwarded to Charlotte for the Baptist State Convention to hold its next annual meeting here. A telegram was sent to President John A. Oates, of the Convention, this morning, by the official board of the church, of which President Oates is a member, asking him to invite the convention. It is said that the entire community, irrespective of denominational lines, desires that the Convention come here next year.

VIRGINIA'S 1916 SCHEDULE.

Usual Two Games of Baseball to be Played With Carolina.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 8.—Following is the University of Virginia's baseball schedule for 1916:

March 30 and 31—Amherst at Charlottesville.
April 1—North Carolina at Greensboro.
April 2—North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
April 4—Georgia at Athens.
April 5—South Carolina at Columbia.
April 6—Williams at Charlottesville.
April 10 and 11—Cornell at Charlottesville.
April 17—Harvard at Charlottesville.
April 21—Princeton at Charlottesville.
April 22—Yale at Charlottesville.
April 24—Holy Cross at Charlottesville.
April 25—North Carolina at Charlottesville.
April 27—Trinity (Conn.) at Charlottesville.
April 28 and 29—Georgia at Charlottesville.
May 1—V. M. I. at Charlottesville.
May 3—Princeton at Princeton.
May 4—Harvard at Cambridge.
May 5—Williams at Williamstown.
May 6—Yale at New Haven.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Announced for University of Virginia for 1916 Season.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 8.—The University of Virginia's football schedule for 1915 was announced tonight as follows:

Septem 30, Randolph-Macon, at Charlottesville; October 7, Yale at New Haven; October 14, Richmond College a tCharlotte; October 21, Georgia at Charlottesville; October 28, Virginia Military Institute, at Charlottesville; November 4, Harvard at Cambridge or Vanderbilt at Nashville; November 11, South Carolina at Charlottesville; November 18, Vanderbilt at Nashville or Harvard at Cambridge; November 30, North Carolina at Richmond.

RALEIGH GETS SHRINERS

Spring Meeting to be Held in Capital City—S. H. Green Succeeds John L. Dabbs.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 8.—Oasis Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in session here today, selected Raleigh as the place for the spring meeting of the Shriners. Invitations were read from the board of trade and other organizations of Raleigh. The vote to accept Raleigh's invitation was unanimous.

S. H. Green, of Monroe, was elected illustrious potentate to succeed John L. Dabbs, of Charlotte; J. E. Cameron, of Fayetteville, was elected chief rabban; Dr. C. E. Cotton, of Asheville, was elected high priest and prophet.

A parade of the Nobles was held tonight at 8 o'clock and they were entertained at a banquet at 6 o'clock. Shriners are here from all parts of the State.

FREDERICK III SAILS

Twenty-Two Persons of Its Passenger List Will Join Ford Party.

New York, Dec. 8.—The steamship Frederick VIII, left New York for Copenhagen today carrying nearly a thousand passengers, among them twenty-two persons who itnend to join the Ford peace party abroad. The unusually large passenger list is due to the fact that many Scandinavians and some Hollanders are going home for Christmas.

To Keep Skin Healthy, Youthful, Wrinkleless

Now that the social season is here, be especially careful to keep your skin in fine condition. You know how conspicuous complexion defects appear under the bright light of the drawing or ball room. Also how very evident are some makeups when similarly illuminated. I have myself discarded cosmetics entirely, using a process which gives far better results, and which leaves no trace on the skin. At night, I smear on a thin coat of ordinary mercolized wax, washing it off next morning. This gradually absorbs the devitalized particles of surface skin, just as gradually the more youthful skin beneath comes forth, providing a complexion as clear, smooth and delicately tinted as a young girl's. Get an ounce of mercolized wax at your druggist's, and try this remarkable treatment.

Remember, too, that wrinkles, even the finer lines, are not easily concealed in a brilliantly lighted room. You can quickly obliterate these hateful marks by bathing your face in a solution of powdered saxolite, 1 oz., dissolved in witch hazel, ½ pt. And your face won't look sticky, as after using pastes. —Aunt Sally, in Woman's Realm.

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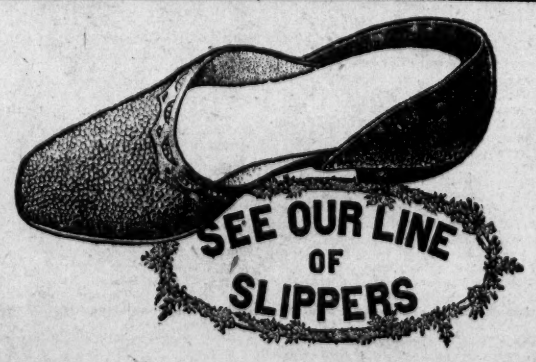

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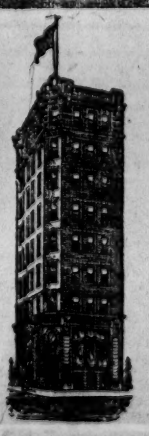

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As Means of Raising Additional Revenue Needed.

M'ADOO MAKES REPORT

Proposes Taxing Married Persons With Incomes as Low as $3,000 and Single Persons With Incomes of $2,000.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Radical changes in the income tax to reach thousands not now subject to its provisions and to improve the machinery of collection were suggested to Congress today in the annual report of Secretary McAdoo as means by which the greater part of the additional revenue needed to pay for the administration national defense plans can be provided. The Secretary proposed to lower the exemption limits so as to tax married persons with incomes as low as $3,000, and single persons with $2,000 incomes. The exemptions now are $4,000 and $3,000 respectively.

Increases in the collection force, a requirement that returns must be made of gross income in place of net income, and a change so that the tax shall not be withheld at the source, were among Mr. McAdoo's other suggestions. He made no estimate of the number of persons who might be taxed if the amendments were adopted nor the amount that might be expected, but in connection with his request for a larger collection force he pointed out that examination of the past personal and corporation returns showed that 63 per cent of those inspected disclosed that additional tax was due the government. On the basis of the examinations, the Secretary says that apparently more than $4,600,000 in personal tax and more than $20,891,000 in corporation tax still is due the government.

Many Inaccurate Returns.

"Many inaccurate returns are made," said the report, "some deliberately and some ignorantly, and there are without doubt wholesale evasions of the law throughout the country. It is absolutely certain that the government is losing through inaccurate returns and evasions of the law a sum many times greater than the cost of the necessary field force to investigate and check the returns and to bring to account those who are failing to make returns as required by law."

In keeping with his recent announcement Mr. McAdoo suggested the present stamp tax and the existing duty on raw sugar should be retained in force and said again that no issue of bonds is necessary either to provide for current expenses or in anticipation of added burdens incident to a policy of military preparedness.

"The policy of providing for the expenditures of the government by taxation and not by bond isues," said the report, "is undoubtedly a sound one and should be adhered to. A nation no more than an individual, can go constantly into debt for current expenditures without eventually impairing credit. A wise, sound and permanent policy of raising the additional revenue required for preparedness and the expenditures of the government should therefore be devised and adopted."

Mr. McAdoo expressed the belief that with a return of peace in Europe customs receipts which fell off $86,000,000 in the last year will increase and that the legislation suggested, with a provision to make the surtax of the income tax law applicable at $10,000 instead of $20,000, the whole or part of the additional revenues can be raised. Taxes on gasoline, crude and refined oils, horsepower of automobiles and "various other things" are suggested as further revenue raising measures.

Total Estimated Appropriations.

The total estimated appropriations for the fiscal year which begins July 1 next, Mr. McAdoo puts at $1,285,857,808, including $316,364,879 for the postoffice, which is reimbursable and about $90,000,000 more for the Panama Canal and sinking fund. Receipts for the same year based on existing law without extension of the sugar duty or the emergency tax, Mr. McAdoo puts at $580,200,000 and ordinary disbursements at $832,901,000, leavin gan exces of disbursements over receipts if legislation is not passed to change conditions, of $252,701,000. As explained in his recent statement, however, that amount would be reduced to about $50,000,000 by the extension of the emergency and sugar tax laws.

Secretary McAdoo's report says the people of the United States have reason to congratulate themselves on the financial and business condition of the country after the serious situation which confronted them a year ago.

"The European war produced inevitable suffering in this country as well as in Europe," said the Secretary. "Our industrial situation was, for a time, seriously hurt, and the cotton growing states of the South sustained heavy losses through declines in the price of cotton. Every power of the government was exerted to mitigate the situation and I believe it is not inexact to say that but for the active agency of the government in protecting and conserving the business interests of the country during that critical period grave disaster would have resulted.

Prosperity Throughout Country.

"It is a pleasure to acknowledge that the efforts of the government were seconded and supported by the earnest and patriotic co-operation of the business interests of the country. During the year there has been a steady, healthy, forward movement in every line of activity, until now prosperity has been firmly established throughout the country."

Mr. McAdoo included letters from mercantile agencies to support his statement, and quoted figures on railroad and other business operations to show increased activities.

"The financial situation of this country," he continued, "has never been so strong and favorable as now. Our financial resources are the greatest in our history, and our banking system, through the creation of the Federal Reserve system, is now the strongest in the world. In every respect the economic and financial condition of the country is extraordinarily sound. It is greater than that of any other nation and if we use our resources and our opportunities intelligently and wisely, we shall establish the prosperity of this nation upon an impregnable foundation for many years to come."

In that connection the Secretary's report showed the stock of gold in the United States on November 1, 1915, was $2,125,115,762, compared with $1,895,[illegible] similar [illegible]

9,711,000 BALES IS SIXTH CENSUS REPORT

Ginning Figures Compiled by Government to Dec. 1.

Figures Compare With 13,073,386 Bales, Ginned to Same Date Last Year. Next Report to be Issued December 20.

Washington, Dec. 8. — The sixth cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of Census Bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt and issued at 10 A. M., today, announced that 9,711,453 bales of cotton counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915, has been ginned prior to December 1. That compares with 13,073,386 bales, or 82.2 per cent. of the entire crop, ginned prior to December 1, last year, 12,088,412 bales, or 86.5 per cent. in 1913 and 11,854,541 bales, or 87.9 per cent. in 1912. The average quantity of cotton ginned prior to December 1 in the last ten years was 10,691,933 bales or 83.4 per cent. of the crop.

Included in the ginnings were 93,361 round bales, compared with 39,682 last year, 86,878 in 1913, and 73,030 in 1912.

Sea island cotton included numbered 77,161 bales, compared with 63,024 last year, 61,049 in 1913, and 51,275 in 1912.

Ginnings prior to December 1, by states, with comparisons for the last three years and the percentage of the entire crop ginned in those states prior to that date in the same years, follow:

Year:	Bales.	Per Cent.
Alabama:—		
1915	940,046	....
1914	1,439,556	83.1
1913	1,365,246	92.0
1912	1,161,482	87.4
Arkansas:—		
1915	655,304	....
1914	840,295	84.1
1913	789,937	76.1
1912	659,505	85.5
Florida:—		
1915	50,230	....
1914	72,962	80.5
1913	58,485	87.7
1612	48,630	82.7
Georgia:—		
1915	1,768,366	....
1914	2,285,924	83.9
1913	2,006,109	88.1
1912	1,564,428	86.3
Louisiana:—		
1915	391,949	....
1914	382,093	84.5
1913	342,383	78.8
1912	343,323	91.6
Mississippi:—		
1915	802,010	....
1914	987,031	81.0
1913	955,808	76.4
1912	847,707	81.4
North Carolina:—		
1915	613,117	....
1914	674,340	69.5
1913	622,369	64.3
1912	754,569	83.3
Oklahoma:—		
1915	445,680	....
1914	1,018,796	82.7
1913	764,295	90.7
1912	869,278	86.5
South Carolina:—		
1915	1,032,435	....
1914	1,230,168	78.8
1913	1,160,725	81.8
1912	1,041,689	85.1
Tennessee:—		
1915	236,824	....
1914	291,183	78.3
1913	304,467	83.0
1912	208,721	78.0
Texas:—		
1915	2,777,581	....
1914	3,746,578	85.3
1913	3,572,105	94.7
1912	4,314,821	92.9
All Other States:—		
1915	69,011	....
1914	82,179	63.2
1913	66,044	72.0
1912	56,789	78.1

Ginnings of Sea Island Cotton, prior to December 1, by States:

Year:	Fla.	Ga.	S. C.
1915	24,910	48,877	3,374
1914	27,531	33,091	2,402
1913	32,207	34,346	4,496
1912	17,826	29,756	3,693

The next ginning report of the Census Bureau will be issued at 10 A. M., Monday, December 20, and will show th quantity of cotton ginned prior to December 13.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—The Right Rev. James T. O'Farrel, Vicar General of Richmond diocese, was today invested by Bishop O'Connell in Sacred Heart Cathedral with the title of Monsignor, recently conferred by Pope Benedict. Pontificial mas was celebrated.

$76,580 on January 2, and that it is by far the largest sum in gold ever held by one country. Indications were, he added, that the present stock would be greatly augmented.

The report reviews at length operations of the Treasury Department for the year. Mr. McAdoo's deposits of gold in the Atlanta, Dallas and Richmond Federal Reserve banks, and his decision to make reserve banks government depositaries and fiscal agents.

Legislation Recommended.

Legislation recommended included $50,000 for a second Pan-American Financial conference in Washington in 1917, and $25,000 for the use of the United States section of the International High Commission on Uniformity of Laws for the two Americas.

The method of legislating for public buildings in an omnibus bill received the Secretary's disapproval and he asked that it be discontinued. Needless waste of public money, he said, will be avoided if Congress will hereafter not authorize the acquisition of public building sites until authorization is made for the buildings to go on the sites. He asked that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to fit the building to the city and not to make it just as imposing as the sum appropriated under the present system will permit.

Mr. McAdoo asked for two cruising cutters for the Coast Guard service on the Pacific coast, to cost $700,000, a harbor cutter for New York to cost $125,000 and one for San Francisco to cost $50,000. He says that in plans for national defense the Coast Guard will have important assignment and that authorizations for the service will be valuable from a military standpoint.

Reviewing the oleomargerine and whiskey frauds of the year the report again recommends changes in the oleo law to reduce the invitation to commit similar frauds.

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TOP O' THE MORNING

Error is none the better for being common, nor truth the worse for having lain neglected. —JOHN LOCKE.

Then Yule remember me, and then maybe you'll not.

"Blessed am dem dat 'spects nuth'n, fer dey ain gwinter be disappinted."

Hark! A famished world will be crying to America before it all ends.

None of us can do without water, but we know that water is no medicine for a cold.

The good things of life are noble deeds that go along with our real estate deeds.

Some men create sentiment and others pander to it for good reasons which some call hypocrisy.

Greece wants and needs sympathy but she will not get it unless she violates her neutrality.

"What fools we mortals me!" (Shakespeare). Also, boobs, ginks, saps, boneheads and strategists.

And now the water rates having been raised, what next is here that the constitution doesn't stand in the way of?

President Wilson is carrying his presidential responsibilities with greater ease since he jettisoned some of his handicaps.

When one woman kisses another it's nobody's business but theirs. But it doesn't amount to any more than if

Not being candidates for President, most men can say what they please, just so they do not get Smart Alecy around home.

one man should buy flowers for another fellow.

Come on with your conversation. Two street gamin were quarreling when one told the other: "Gwan home and let yau maw trim some o' that hair off yer bat cove."

A Chicago man wants a divorce and wishes to resume his maiden name because of the fact that ever since his marriage his wife has given him several disreputable aliases.

In all this gloom there is one thing that the whole world ought to rejoice to know. The population in Ireland is increasing and it means that real men are still being born.

There being no constitutional inhibition, the City Council raises Wilmington's water rate 20 per cent. All of which will tend to discourage the use of water during the holidays, of course.

On national preparedness, Uncle Joe Cannon is in the same boat with President Wilson. No doubt Uncle Joe thinks it would be fine to rock the boat but he won't do it, for the reason that he is in it himself.

If Engineer John Sweeney has reduced the amount of chemicals in the water and if all chemicals are higher since the outbreak of the war, why shouldn't we have a reduction instead of an increase in the water rate?

New York has just one joke and then another to keep it from getting dull. Just as soon as Ford's peace voyage had gotten under way, Gov. Charles S. Whitman began to show signs that he regards himself as a Republican possibility for President.

A House leader is supposed to lead, but unless the majority of his party follows him he isn't leading. Leadership aims at mobilizing and organizing a party's forces so they can accomplish something along a line upon which all must be agreed or to which all can be reconciled by the right kind of leadership. A House leader who believes every party man has the right to be independent and refuse to be led, won't have much of a party to lead.

NEED FOR MORE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

It is difficult to comprehend the complete significance of President Wilson's great address to Congress, without the whole is read and pondered. He so emphasized every feature in it that the entire mass of the American people who feel that they owe a patriotic duty to their country should be aroused to that duty on every single line so clearly pointed out by the American President.

Not only did the President present with great power the need of national naval and military preparedness as a necessity for our country's security, but he very strongly emphasized the fact that there is one portion of our independence that we have never yet gained—independence of the world in the matter of being able to carry our own commerce in American ships. Next to reasonable, adequate and immediate preparedness for defense, if the occasion should arise, is that permanent condition of inedependence that we must have in a merchant marine of our own. That is preparedness, too, and we fully realize it in this declaration of the President:

"For it is a question of independence. If other nations go to war or seek to hamper each other's commerce, our merchants, it seems, are at their mercy, to do with as they please. We must use their ships and use them as they determine. We have not ships enough of our own. We can not handle our commerce on the seas. Our independence is provincial, and is only on land and within our own borders."

That was not all the President so courageously emphasizes, but his entire reference to the pitiful need of this Nation as to shipping in which to carry on its commerce independently and more profitably as well, should deeply impress all Americans and gain support for any wise and practical way to gain more independence for ourserves and be able to secure our liberty and our independence in every particular. We cannot regard too seriously the wise words and profound admonition of the President. We ought to be glad that the country has a president of such great ability that he has such a tremendous grasp on the needs and necessites for making America geater and that he can so forcefully present the Nation's cause to us for our own better comprehension and action.

So far as naval and military preparedness is concerned, a feature of the address to which we referred especially in another editorial on Wednesday morning, we cannot see that he left preparedness opposition a leg to stand on. They can take unction to themselves upon their goodness of soul only, but certainly the Baltimore Sun accurately compassed their attitude against the Nation's preparations for security when that staunch old paper remarked that their opposition does more credit to their hearts than to their heads.

The President must have greatly impressed Americans with the fact that our present needs are both security and independence in a fuller sense than that which we are wont to regard our country as both independent and safe.

THE SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

Next week is to be a big one in Charleston, for the Southern Commercial Congress will meet there on Monday, December 13, and will be in session Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It will be the annual meeting and it will be the most notable assemblage of the organization since it was formed four years ago. There will be a great programme emphasizing the practical and potential work which the organization proposes to carry on for the entire South, and yet there will be plenty of play for the hundreds of delegates, since the hospitable Charleston people have prepared their own elaborate plans for providing the city's guests with pleasing, entertaining and diversion features. While Charleston is going to make the occasion a delightful one, the Commercial Congress is going to make it one of wide scope for constructive Southern development.

Sixteen Southern states, including many cities in North Carolina, will be represented at the meeting, and, of course, Wilmington will be represented in such a notable Southern gathering bent on developing the varied and marvelous resources of the Southern states. The purpose of this body is to unify and combine the dynamic energy of all Southern commercial and developmental bodies, and this meeting at Charleston will afford the South's constructive men and boosters an opportunity to get together and get the benefit of the concentrated ideas and plans so mobilized into a powerful force for going ahead.

We would like to emphasize the idea that the Southern Commercial Congress is a clearing house for the South's progress, achievements and progressive plans. It affords us an opportunity to report on our constructive efforts, determine on new lines of effort and vitalize every force for Southern development. It is a forum in which the South's resources are scheduled and emphasized and made known and impressed upon the world. There is not a phase of Southern development and progress, socially, educationally, financially, agriculturally, industrially, and economically, that will not be elaborated.

We may well understand this from the exceedingly extensive programme in which provision is made for addresses by notable men and women, not only from the South but from other states and some foreign countries as well. The character of the addresses to be delivered will not only be inspiring, but educational, practical and promotive of the one powerful purpose of developing a greater South.

The meeting of the Commercial Congress is regarded as a stupendous opportunity for South Carolina, so Governor Manning has issued a proclamation calling upon all the constructive forces in the state to mobilize at Charleston for this occasion. Let us hope that it will be so tremendous in its scope that the world may sit up and take notice of the South.

THERE'S TOM PENCE.

The whole of North Carolina, particularly, and the State press, especially, should take pride in the election of Mr. Thomas J. Pence as secretary of the Democratic National Committee. He is a North Carolinan and a North Carolina newspaper man who has made good at Washington and therefore has furnished another shining example that all that a North Carolinan needs to make himself an honor to the State is to have the opportunity.

Tom Pence is the kind of Tar Heel who doesn't wait for all the opportunities to be given to him. He goes after them and trails them up and when he gets hold of one he sandbags it and holds it down. He can do it, too, but Pence's sandbag is his own individual ability and his native genius. He is a man of resourcefulness as well as a newspaper man of fine gifts and experience, and it is because of his proven value to the National committee that it requisitioned his services. The committee did not seek to honor the North Carolina newspaper man, but it needed him in its busines. It is complimentary in a sense that Mr. Pence is to be the secretary of such a great National committee, but the committee surely was looking out for itself when it got a line on Tom and landed him.

INVASION OF AMERICAN MARKETS

There is an old adage to the effect that we should never worry about crossing a bridge till we come to it. In this day of stout steel bridges, people know the bridges will carry them over safely, but years ago when wooden bridges were liable to be rotten and contain loose planks and be unsafe, many people almost become hysterical at the idea of having a bridge to cross. They crossed all bridges in their minds before they got to them, but in nine cases out of ten when the bridge was reached it was all right and the previous dread of crossing it was needless worry.

However, there are other worries that people have by anticipating them before there is reason to worry. American manufacturers, or at least a group of them, have found a bugaboo in the near future—the day when peace will return to Europe and the "pauper labor" of all countries will get busy and make all sorts of cheap stuff that will be dumped on the American market. That, of course, would be ruinous and those who see it in their minds behold this alien invasion of American markets and profess to have the most gloomy forebodings about smokeless smokestacks and closed down American factories. While some are having pipe dreams about pushing American trade into all the countries of the world and gobbling up warring Europe's trade, the scared crowd is worrying and agitating. This agitation actually has reached such proportions that the New York Journal of Commerce thus seeks to allay the consequent hysterics:

"In regard to the agitation which seems to be growing and concentrating upon Washington for the creation of a 'non-partisan' tariff commission, it is said that one object is to provide for 'guarding against possible invasion of American markets after the war.' There is a curious inconsistency between this fear of invasion of American markets and plans for extending American trade in other markets. We are supposed to be accumulating power in capital and in facilities for trade which will enable us to sell a much larger supply of products abroad, including products of manufeturing industries. The great bulk of our foreign trade has long been with the European countries and will continue to be so after they get done fighting. Their ability to supply their own wants will be considerably reduced and their ability to buy from us will also be diminished. Their labor force will be impaired, their capital will be greatly depleted by loans to governments and increased charges of various kinds, and they will be burdened by heavy taxation. If they are going to buy freely from us and thereby help our export trade, how are they to pay for what they get? They can only do it by selling to us, and it will be a good while before they will have much surplus goods to spare, except in certain special lines. They will owe us a good deal, to begin with, on account of loans and credit operations during the war, and their only means of paying will be in the products of their own industries. We shall have to take our pa yin goods if our export trade is to be kept up, and some of those countries will find it hard to supply them. Wherewithal are they going to 'invade' our markets and what could we gain by keeping their surplus products out, as soon as they have a surplus to send?"

Views like that from such a great authority on economics as the Journal of Commerce ought to be reassuring, but we doubt it. We doubt it, because all that agitation is for the purpose of creating sentiment for a higher tariff. It is the beginning of a new plea for protection, and even at the present session of Congress the alarmists will be on hand to unburden their woeful plaint to the guardians of the country. People who stop to think will quite agree with the Journal of Commerce that it is about time for such alarmists to get it ground into their heads that doing a tremendous export business and cutting off our import business is a good way to kill trade. Foreign trade consists of a fair exchange of goods, products and commodities with other countries, so if we do not trade with them they cannot and will not trade with us. They will have no money to buy our goods, and if we will not accept theirs in exchange, so as to have some way of balancing accounts with a balance in our favor, both our export and import trade would be bound to fall off.

The recent ruinous decline in money exchange rates in New York was because our exports were out of all proportion to the small account of foreign goods we are receiving. It made Europe owe us such enormous balances that it could not pay in cash. It unsettled trade and even cut down our profits on exports. All economists know that a more even exchange of trade would have been better for American trade and a better guarantee of busy American factories. If Europe is out of money and we cut off her goods, thus stopping an exchange of products, we need not worry about having any export trade with the countries shut out of our markets by a high tariff.

TAX LISTING AGAIN.

To the Editor of The Star:

Kindly give me a little space on the vexed question of tax listing.

I heartily concur in Mr. Bellamy's objection to the present system of listing property for taxes, but I have made no investigation of the administration of the system in this county, and have no evidence to justify criticism of those who are responsible for it. In fact, I believe they have done the best they could under the system, which in itself is as lame as was the financial system of our country before the adoption of the Federal Reserve Act two years ago.

The general subject of taxation is a very difficult and complex one, and no scheme can ever be adopted that will probably satisfy all tax payers. One reason for this general dissatisfaction is probably due to the fact that many fail to realize the immediate benefit of the money they wish to use for other purposes, and a better objection is probably found in the fact that revenue from tax is not always wisely used. It cannot be denied that there are many irregularities and inequalities in the method of listing taxes, and while much remedial legislation has been proposed and defeated in the past, it is very likely that efforts will be continued to improve the system. Among the changes to be considered, I would suggest the omission of solvent credits as a subject of taxation. The value of such credits is very uncertain, and the estimate of value placed on them by owners varies very greatly, according to the willingness or unwillingness of the lister to carry his due proportion of the burden. And, instead of each tax-payer listing his personal property under oath, it would be infinitely better to have a committee of experts appointed to assess each man's property for him. This may be objected to on account of expense, but the increased returns would be sufficient to overcome this objection, and the equity of the plan will commend it to all those who are desirous of paying their fair proportion of taxes, and those who wish to evade it should not be consulted in the matter.

I find my name in the list of delinquents named by Mr. Bellamy before the Commissioners on the 6th, and after my name, "No income, $1,050 stock." The word "stock" may have been used inadvertently by Mr. Bellamy or in the publication of the proceedings. I have no stock in trade, and that item should have been household and kitchen furniture. I own no automobile or vehicle of any kind, and if my household and kitchen furniture had been assessed by a committee, as above suggested, I am sure my assessment would be much smaller, or some others would be greatly increased.

If Mr. Bellamy had in mind the business of Hall & Pearsall, Incorporated, he will find its taxes listed by that corporation in the sum of $67,589.00, on which it will pay taxes for this year. The chief source of my income is also through that corporation, and unless I am incorrectly advised, I am not subject to income tax on property otherwise taxed. Even if I were subject to tax on income from that source, I could without any risk, so far as last year's income is concerned, make the request that was made by the gentleman who found a burglar running through his pockets. Instead of discouraging his visitor's operations, he urged him to make a thorough search, and if he found anything, to please divide with him.

In conclusion, to sum up my views on the general subject, I would say that revenue for city, State, county and National government should be derived largely from visible property, and so far as possible, assessments should not be left to the whim and caprice of the tax-payer.

Yours respectfully,

B. F. HALL.

NEW HANOVER COURT STENOGRAPHER

To the Editor of The Star:

Will you kindly allow me space enough in your paper to ask why our County Commissioners have employed a citizen from another county as court stenographer and clerk in the County's Auditor's office when there are plenty of men in New Hanover county that are entirely competent for the place and would be glad to have the job?

The gentleman that has been appointed is in every way a most capable man, but he is not now nor has he been for several years a citizen of this county and is therefore no more entitled to the position than a resident of another county is entitled to hold the office of Sheriff or Auditor. I hope our Commissioners will see to it that persons employed by the county are citizens and taxpayers of New Hanover county.

TAXPAYER.

THE TAXATION MATTER.

The following letter to Chairman W. A. McGirt, of the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners, is self-explanatory:

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 8, 1915.

Mr. W. A. McGirt, Chairman Board of County Commissioners, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Sir:—In order to refute a recent misleading statement made to the County Commissioners with respect to the Tax Lists of our firm and the members thereof, we have only to say that our total taxes already paid to State, County, and City, for the year 1915, amount to twenty-five thousand, seven hundred dollars ($25,700.00), and that we have strictly complied with the law as we understand it, and that we would welcome any official investigation.

"Yours respectfully,

"ALEX. SPRUNT & SON."

CURRENT COMMENT.

North Carolina, is to be represented in the Ford peace mission party, Mr. Fred L. Seely, proprietor of Grove Park Inn, Asheville, leaves today on the steamship Frederick VIII, which is expected to arrive at Christiana only a day or two behind the Oscar II.—Raleigh News and Observer Dec. 8.

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It is natural to rub the spot that hurts when the stabbing pains are causing agony, when joints and muscles are sore and stiff; that is the time when liniments and plasters are called upon to relieve the distress. The fallacy of such treatments and its danger lies in the fact that it may afford temporary relief, it lulls the victim into a sense of security, meanwhile the insidious poison of Uric Acid slowly, but surely, is getting a stronger grip upon the entire system. Rheumatism is one of the most dangerous of blood diseases, for the reason that it transforms its victims' life into a period of misery and suffering—a veritable living torment. If you suffer from Acute Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Muscular Rheumatism or this fateful trouble in any form, you know that these words are true. There is only one way to get permanent relief from Rheumatism. Too much acid in the blood is one cause, stomach troubles, indigestion, weak kidneys, constipation are other causes; but from whatever source the poisonous matter comes it affects the blood, is carried through the entire system until muscles, tendons, and the vital organs themselves are diseased. Furthermore, certain secret diseases cause forms of Rheumatism. There is no time like the present to free yourself from the suffering caused by this dreadful malady. As a positive relief for Rheumatic troubles, S. S. S. has never been equalled. It goes straight to the seat of trouble, gently acts upon the blood, tones up and re-vitalizes—literally filters out from the life-giving stream all poisonous acids and matter. When S. S. S. has restored the blood to its natural condition Rheumatism, with all of its attendant suffering and pains, is likewise banished. You are transformed once more to the realm of perfect health, you will feel the vigor of renewed youth, you are well. If you are Rheumatic, even in a mild way, take S. S. S.—get it from your druggist. We will deem it a favor if you will write to us and tell us about your particular case. Avoid substitutes. Write the Swift Specific Company, Medical Department, Room 18, Atlanta, Ga.

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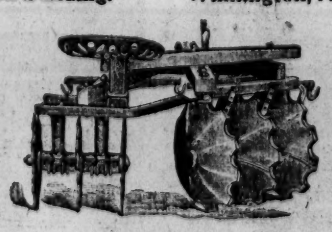

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NEW WATER ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

Uniform Increase of Twenty Per Cent. After Jan. 1.

Engineer Sweeney Shows Gratifying Reduction in Cost of Chemicals for Waterworks Plant—Short Session of Council.

An ordinance making an almost uniform increase of 20 per cent. all round round on the city water rates after January 1 and making several changes in the terms and conditions upon which the city will furnish water to consumers, which was drawn up in accordance with the special report of a committee of investigation which submitted its report several months ago, was adopted by City Council yesterday, and after January 1 the new rates will be operative.

In connection with the ordinance, a report from Mr. John H. Sweeney, engineer at the waterworks plant, was submitted by Councilman Jones, in charge of the department. This report showed that by means of changes in the basin and filter and the installation of a new pump, it has been possible to reduce the cost of chemicals for November, 1915, over the same month last year from $1,040.21 to $316.92, on the basis of the cost rate per million.

Mayor Moore presided at the meeting and all of the Councilmen attended although several were late in getting in. With the exception of the reading of the water ordinance, only a few routine matters were considered and the session was a short one. Under the head of complaints and grievances, which always come first on the programme, there was no one who had anything to say.

While the report of Engineer Sweeney was stated to be entirely unofficial, the members of Council expressed gratification that such a splendid showing had been made. The letter of Engineer Sweeney to Councilman Jones is as follows:

"Mr. W. F. Jones, Water and Sewerage Department, City.

"Dear Mr. Jones: This is not an official statement, but I thought I would show you the difference in cost of operating our filtration plant for the month of November, 1914 and 1915. The results accomplished are very gratifying to Mr. Catlett, the chemist, and myself, due to a study and experimentation without filtration problems.

	1914	1915
Water pumped	84,076,000	77,110,000
Alum used, lbs	51,800	15,401
Soda used, lbs.	32,500	6,144
Lime used, lbs.	.....	2,239

"The cost per million gallons for November in 1914 and November of 1915 was as follows:

"November, 1914—Alum, 616 pounds at $1.62, $9.98; soda, 386 pounds, at $.91, $3.51. No lime.

"November, 1915—Alum, 200 pounds, at $1.62, $3.24; soda, 80 pounds, at $.91, $.73; lime, 29 pounds, at $.50, $.14.

"This makes total cost for chemicals for November, 1915, of $316.92, and at the cost rate per million for 1914, $1,040.21, making a difference of $723.29. This saving for the most part is due to the basin and filter changes, the new pump, etc., that allows us to get the full efficiency from the chemicals. In addition to the economy, you will note the marked improvement in the appearance of the water produced.

"These results are also dependent upon the filter attendants. This position requires a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and if they are careless they could easily waste more than their wages. From the nature of the raw water, the plant is one that requires close attention to details while in operation, and that means 24 hours a day the whole year. I do not believe that it is possible for a man to give his best work or his best thought to the plant when obliged to work 12 hours a day for such low wages.

"I hope that the beginning of the new year you, as head of the Water and Sewerage Department, will be able to see your way clear to grant them a small increase in wages, to show that their worth and work to the city is appreciated. They are the poorest paid men in the city's employ, considering the work that they have to do, and the hours that they have to put in to accomplish this work.

"Very truly yours,
"JOHN H. SWEENEY,
"Engineer."

The ordinance which passed its first reading yesterday is as follows:

"Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Wilmington, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same that from and after the first day of January, 1915, the following rates, rules and regulations as to the furnishing and usage of water by the inhabitants of the city are hereby adopted and declared to be in force and effect:

"1—Fixture Rates:

"For three-quarter inch service, one opening, a minimum charge of $1.50 per quarter. For two openings, a minimum charge of $2.50 per quarter. And for each additional opening, fifty cents per quarter.

"2—Meter Rate:

"Meter rates shal lbe as follows: On the first 15,000 feet or less used, 12 cents per 100 cubic feet, on excess over 15,000 feet and up to and including 30,000 feet, 9 cents per 100 cubic feet, and on excess over 30,000 feet, up to and including 45,000, 6 cents per 100 cubic feet, and on all excess over 45,000 feet, 5 cents per 100 cubic feet.

"3—Minimum charge, domestic service:

3-4-inch service	$ 2.50 per qr.
1 inch service	3.75 per qr.
1 1-4 inch service	5.00 per qr.
1 1-2 inch service	7.50 per qr.
2 inch service	12.50 per qr.
2 1-2 inch service	15.00 per qr.
3 inch service	20.00 per qr.
4 inch service	25.00 per qr.

"Tapping and installation charges for domestic service:

For 3-4 inch service	$10.00
For 1 inch service	12.50
For 1 1-4 inch service	15.00
For 1 1-2 inch service	17.00
For 2 inch service	20.00
For 2 1-2 inch service.	25.00

"5—Meters:

"Meters will be installed on services at the discretion or option of the city, and when and where so installed water will be sold by meter measurement only. No additional charge will be made for installing meters.

"Meters will be tested at the request of consumers upon application filed in the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer, accompanied by a deposit of $1.00; upon the filing of which application and deposit aforesaid the City Clerk and Treasurer will issue to the Water Department a requisition for the testing of such meter. If the meter is found to be over registering

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WILLIAMS TO HIGHER COURT

Alleged Robber of Elder Store Was Heard by Recorder Yesterday. Another Today.

Robert Williams, alias Jones, alias Thompson, colored, will be tried at the January term of Superior court on a charge of entering and trying to rob the store of Mr. James Elder, corner 12th and Market streets, Tuesday night of last week, probable cause having been found against him in the Recorder's court yesterday. Cases are also pending against him, awaiting the results of the trial in Superior court, charging him with secret assault with intent to kill and with vagrancy. He is in jail.

Josh Pickett, a colored drayman, was arrested yesterday morning by Policeman O. V. Thompson, and was later identified by Mr. Elder as the other negro. It will be remembered that Mr. Elder said that there were two negroes in the affair. One was minding the door while the other made the assault, he said. Pickett will have a hearing today.

Ed Suggs, colored, was dealt with rather gently yesterday when convicted of vagrancy. It is not so remarkable that his sentence of 13 days on the county roads is the shortest sentence recently given in the Recorder's court, but it shows that the Recorder feels for the negro, and the sentence reads that he is to be turned out December 24th. Mr. Empie has evidently heard the old saying, "Christmas comes but once a year and every negro wants his share." Suggs doubtless congratulates himself on being tried by a man who feels enough for him, to give him Christmas.

Jesse Ward, John Highsmith and Elliott Smith, negro boys, charged with beating their way on a freight train from Goldsboro to Wilmington, were returned to prison and the case left open. They claimed that they had been kidnapped by a larger negro at Goldsboro, and brought here. A telegram was sent the chief of police in Goldsboro.

Mr. E. W. Coleman will get another hearing, on a charge of an assault, on December 14th. Daniel McKoy, colored, will be tried for vagrancy today. Tom Hawkins, colored, was found not guilty of vagrancy.

RESIGNS DEPUTY RECORDERSHIP

Addison G. Ricaud Finds That Duties Interfere With Practice.

Addison G. Ricaud, Esq., one of Wilmington's best known and most capable attorneys, who was appointed a few weeks ago by Recorder Brooke G. Empie as Deputy Recorder of New Hanover county, has resigned this position because he states that he found upon a strict interpretation of the oath of the office he would be debarred from appearing for clients in that court. Inasmuch as the remuneration for this office would not justify him in retaining this office at a sacrifice to his private practice, he felt that he could not continue in office.

Mr. Ricaud since his appointments to the office has presided at a number of sessions and with great credit to himself. His numerous friends regret that he has found it impossible to continue as Deputy Recroder.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Ricaud expressed his deep appreciation for the honor conferred upon him and also regret that he could not continue to serve. He had hoped, he states, to be of real service to the community in this capacity.

Recorder Empie stated last night that he regretted very much that Mr. Ricaud could not continue to serve but realized the sacrifice he would have to make. He said he did not know whom he would appoint to succeed him but that he hoped to be able to secure some attorney to serve.

WILMINGTON WILL MEET RALEIGH ON SATURDAY.

Tie for Eastern Championship to be Played Off at Chapel Hill.

The Wilmington High School football team will meet Raleigh at Chapel Hill on Saturday of this week to play off the tie for the Eastern championship and the members of the local team are working hard this week to get into first class condition. Only two football games have been played by the University team at Chapel Hill this fall and the students of that institution are looking forward with much pleasure to a game worth while Saturday. Raleigh will send a big delegation and there will be quite a number to go from Wilmington in addition to the members of the team.

The winner of this contest will meet Charlotte at Chapel Hill December 18 to decide the championship for the whole State. Charlotte has won the undisputed championship in the west. Raleigh has won the State contest for the past two years; in fact, ever since the contest has been held, and there is much speculation as to the winner for this year. One of the largest crowds that has ever watched a gridiron struggle at Chapel Hill is expected to witness the contest between Raleigh and Wilmington.

FORFEIT MATCH ARRANGED FOR HANSON AND VARGA

Sum of Money Put Up by Each With Committee to Assure Clean Work.

Joe Varga and some of his backers who were not fully satisfied with the result of the match in Woolvin Hall Tuesday night, have arranged with Fritz Hanson and his backers for a return match tomorrow night at the Academy of Music, instead of the match between Bull Montana and Hanson. The terms are that each side must put up a sum of money with a committee, who will watch the match, and the first man violating the rules of wrestling, will forfeit the amount he puts up and the match.

These are the only terms under which Hanson would consent to wrestle the big Hungarian. They will wrestle catch-as-catch-can style for two falls out of three. The plucky Swede is up against a pretty tough match this time, and a hotly contested bout is expected.

GOES TO JURY TODAY

Attorneys Complete Arguments in Witte Case in Superior Court.

Practically the entire day in Superior Court was taken up with the argument of the attorneys in the case of Sarah C. Witte against the Atlantic Coast Line and the Schloss-Bear-Davis Company. Judge Daniels overruled the motion of the defendants for a nonsuit and after the defendants had introduced their evidence, the arguments before the jury were begun. Judge Daniels will make his charge this morning.

The two following cases were ordered yesterday to be dismissed: C. C. Covington against W. B. Cooper; Carolina Metal Products Company against the Ingram township road commissioners.

DR. STILES FINDS MUCH IMPROVEMENT IN COUNTY

Betterment in Sanitary Conditions at Castle Haynes.

Pleased With Appearance of School Children—Cleanliness of Wilmington Streets is Notable, He States.

When it is remembered that according to the standards adopted by the United States Public Health Service, the average for the sanitary conditions of 200,000 homes in the Southern states will show only about 6 per cent, the statement made yesterday by Dr. C. W. Stiles, professor of zoology in the Public Health Service, that the sanitary condition of 26 homes in the vicinity of Castle Haynes will show an average of 45 per cent, or an increase in one year of 13.5 per cent, speaks very highly for the progressiveness of the people living in that community.

Dr. Stiles was accompanied on his trip yesterday by Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, and visited each of these homes, applying the same standards that he did a year ago, and found that the sanitary conditions would grade on an average of 45 per cent, whereas a year ago he graded these same homes at 31.5. Dr. Stiles selected these homes for special study with a view to using them as a standard for the entire United States and he expects to keep in close touch with them and will publish the results of his investigations here from time to time.

While surgeon in charge of the Marine Hospital in Wilmington, Dr. Stiles conducted an extensive investigation of the public school children of Wilmington and New Hanover and was naturally greatly interested to find that the condition of the children has also greatly improved. He was in the city on Monday of this week and visited four schools and noted particularly the physical condition of the children.

"In one of the schools I visited I found a very marked improvement in the children, in two of the others I found marked improvement, while the fourth I found to be about the same as when I was here last time," said Dr. Stiles yesterday afternoon.

"There is another thing I want to mention and that is the marked improvement in the cleanliness of your streets. I heard about this when I was in Greensboro last week and also when I was in Raleigh and so was prepared to find conditions improved, but it was even better than I expected," he declared.

Dr. Stiles returned to Washington, D. C., last night. He had just completed a week's stay in North Carolina and came especially to visit New Hanover county and also to visit Hallsboro in Columbus county and Philadelphus in Robeson county, where special studies are being made of sanitary conditions.

Dr. Stiles is pleasantly remembered in Wilmington by many friends. He was busy yesterday on his tour of inspection but had time to meet a number of friends.

"It's good to be in Wilmington," he remarked before leaving for his home, "and I am always glad when I can come this way. I feel very much at home in Wilmington."

"As soon as I got to Wilmington today," he added, "I immediately made inquiry to find out if it was the open season for birds and I have just had for my supper that most appetising dish, North Carolina quail, which can't be beat anywhere."

MEDICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

Physicians of Third District Medical Society to Hold Meeting in Wilmington Next Week.

It is expected that there will be a large attendance of the physicians of the meeting of the Third District Medical Society in Wilmington on Wednesday of next week in the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting will be featured by the reading of a number of clinical papers and by an address by the president, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Richlands. Dr. Herbert F. Munt, of Boardman, who is secretary of the society, has prepared an interesting programme.

The officers of the society are as follows: President, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Richlands; first vice president, Dr. H. B. Maxwell, Whiteville; second vice president, Dr. C. P. Bolles, Wilmington; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Herbert F. Munt, Boardman.

Among the prominent visiting physicians who will attend will be Dr. E. H. Terrell, specialist, of Richmond, Va., and Dr. Douglass Vanderhoff, profesor of medicine in the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond.

The following clinical papers will be read at the meeting:

"Surgical Aspects of Aneurism" by Dr. J. D. Robinson, Wilmington.

"Surgery of Aneurism," by Dr. Thos. M. Green, Wilmington.

"The Treatment of Internal Hemorrhoids by an Improved Method," by Dr. E. H. Terrell, specialist on rectal disease, Richmond, Va.

"Aneurism and Report of Clinical Cases," by Dr. Edward J. Wood, Wilmington.

"The Relation of Syphilis to Aneurism," by Dr. J. D. Sidbury, Wilmington.

"The Interpretation of the Symptoms of Indigestion," by Dr. Douglas Vanderhoff, profesor of medicine in the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

"Stab Wound of Chest Involving the Stomach," by Dr. L. D. Bryan, Sneed's Ferry.

"The Desirability and Feasibility of the Maintenance of a Small Laboratory by the General Practitioner," by Dr. James M. Northington, Boardman.

Report of Clinical Cases.

Conferring on Horne Case.

Solicitor Homer Lyon, of Whiteville, was in the city yesterday to confer with Solicitor George Peschau and L. Clayton Grant, Esq., regarding the filing of the State's answer to the petition of the attorneys of Mevin Horne to the Supreme Court for a new trial. Horne is represented by Cyrus D. Hogue and Kenneth Burgwin, Esqs. It is not expected that the case will be argued before the Supreme Court before early spring.

HONOR ROLL OF HIGH SCHOOL

Names of Those Making Highest Averages for First Two Months of School Year—Good Grades.

The honor roll of the Wilmington High School for the first quarter of the school session which includes the months of October and November was read yesterday by the principal, Mr. Heman S. Shaw. Miss Irene Price, of the second division of the sophomore class, made the highest average with 99.14, while Mis Gladys Price, of the senior class, first division, and Miss Lucile Merritt, of the sophomore class, second division, tied for second place with an average of 98. Miss Kate Cumming and Houston Merritt, of the sophomore class, tied for third place with grade of 97.8.

The honor roll as announced follows:

Senior I—First honor: Gladys Price, 98. Second honor: Everett McKeithan, 91.2.

Senior II—Second honor, May Buck, 91.9.

Junior I—First honor: Lidie Penton, 96.7; Varitas Sanders, 96.6. Second honor. Rosalie Burbank, 93.1; Margaret Wright, 91.6; Fannie Grainger, 92.8; Goldie Kaminsky, 90.1; Aline Saunders, 90.1; Harriet Bellamy, 91.8.

Junior II—First honor: Margaret Schulken, 96.6; Thelma Fillyaw, 96.2, Christine McDougall, 96.2. Second honor: May Orrell 93.6; Alma Benton, 93.6; Edison Humphrey, 92.4; Charlotte Keen, 91.8; Emma Bowden, 90.4.

Freshman IV—First honor: Elizabeth McClure, 96.2; Ella McCarley, 95.8; Rosa Salling, 95.8; Howard Penton, 95. Second honor: Margaret Williams, 94.4; Virginia Fountain, 94; Lucy King, 94; Arabella Gore, 93; Hattie Bradshaw, 93; Beulah Hill, 93; Marie Benton, 93; James Westbrook, 93; Margaret Kelley, 92; Graham Farmer, 91; William Naughton, 91; Gertrude Newwith, 91; Ruby Porter, 91; Myrtle Casteen, 91; Mary Warren, 91; Alice Rulfs, 90; Miriam Koch, 90; Joseph Howe, 90.

Sophomore II—First honor: Irene Price, 99.14; Lucile Merritt, 98; Rufus LeGrand, 96.8; Helen Weathers, 96.8; Emilie Bissinger, 95.52; Beatrice Evenson, 95.2; Isabel Hinnant, 95.2; Lillias Quelch, 95.2; Omah Williams, 95.2; Mary Newkirk, 95. Second honor: Mabel Eure, 94; Johanna Rehder, 94; Minnie L. Perdew, 93.6; Lenox Cooper, 93.6; Margaret Berry, 93.2; Catherine Heyer, 92.4; David Jacobi, 92.4; Gladys Johnson, 91.4; Marie Keels, 90.6; Janie Beatty, 90.6.

Sophomore III—First Honor: Houston Merritt, 97 2-4; Emma Zibelin, 96.6; Martha Rogers, 95.6. Second honor: Dorothy Vollers, 94.2; Eleanor Schuster 92.6.

Sophomore IV—First honor: Kate Cumming, 97.8; Eloise Jones, 97.2; John Hardin, 96.1; Bessie Buck, 95.4. Second honor: Fannie Thomson, 94.8; Marie Bonitz, 93.9; Sue Hardin, 92.6; Jack Orrell, 91.6; Katherine Taylor, 91.4; Mae Davis, 91.1; Margaret Campbell, 90.6; Robert James, 90.2.

Freshman I—First honor: Stuart Cover, 97.6; George King, 97.3; Francis Thames, 96.6; Olivia Wallace, 96; Lena Simmons, 95.8; Louise Beale, 95.4. Second honor: Lily May Gaylor, 94.2; Lee Clarke, 94; Julius Wenburg, 94; Charlton Symmes, 93.8; Monimia MacRae, 91.8; Wilkings Smith, 91.8; Reginald Blomme, 91.4; Bertha Williams, 91.2.

Freshman II—First honor: Verna Crute, 97. Second honor: Helen Frease 94.6; Vera Milton, 93.6; Hazel Bishop, 91.4; Maggie Carroll, 90.4; Jeffords Harrell, 90; Julia Bethea, 90.

Freshman III—Second honor: Rebecca Keathley, 94.6; Marguerite Andrews, 91.6.

HOW SHE ENDED TEN YEARS OF SKIN-TORTURE

Oct. 28, 1914:—"I had eczema on my face for ten years. Little red pimples formed in a small spot on my chin and then spread all over my face. They itched and burned me awfully. It was certainly embarrassing to me, and I would not go amongst people. I tried almost every remedy and treatment that could be used for this trouble, but nothing did me any good. I used Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap, and was relieved in a day or two. In one month I was cured. This was six months ago and the trouble has never returned."—(Signed) Mrs. C. C. Roberts, Weatherford, Okla.

The Resinol treatment speedily heals eczema, rashes, ringworm, and other eruptions, and clears away disfiguring pimples and blackheads, even when other treatments prove worse than useless. Doctors have prescribed Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap for eighteen years, and all druggists sell them

Various Forms Of Headache

"It is necessary in order to treat headaches properly to understand the causes which produce the affection" says Dr. J. W. Ray of Blockton, Ala. Continuing, he says: "Physicians cannot even begin the treatment of a disease without knowing what causes give rise to it, and we must remember that headache is to be treated according to the same rule. We must not only be particular to give a remedy intended to counteract the cause which produces the headaches, but we must also give a remedy to relieve the pain until the cause of trouble has been removed. To answer this purpose Anti-kamnia Tablets will be found a most convenient and satisfactory remedy. One tablet every one to three hours gives comfort and rest in the most severe cases of headache, neuralgia and particularly the headaches of women." When we have a patient subject to regular attacks of sick headache, we should caution him to keep his bowels regular, for which nothing is better than "Actoids," and when he feels the least sign of an oncoming attack, he should take two A-K Tablets. Such patients should always be instructed to carry a few Anti-kamnia Tablets, so as to have them ready for instant use. These tablets are prompt in action, and can be depended on to produce relief in a very few minutes. Ask for A-K Tablets.

Anti-Kamnia Tablets can be obtained at all druggists.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 395, A. F. & A. M.

Emergent communication this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock, for work in the Fellowcraft Degree. A full attendance is urged.

Visiting brethren are cordially invited to be present.

By order of the W. M.

C. C. BROWN, Secretary.

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Have you ever found any real Economy or Pleasure in the So-Called Cheapest Flour? Why, certainly not! Because it contains practically no nourishment or taste. Bread of this flour only serves to fill you full, taking all your energy and vitality to digest it when you should get energy and muscle.

Larabee's Best

Is rich in Gluten, the only food value and strength of flour; therefore, when you buy it you get one hundred cents for a dollar, TRUE VALUE, in Nourishment, as well as that Good, Old-Fashioned Wheat Flavor, which is so rarely found nowadays.

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Perfect for all Bread, Cake, and Pastry purposes. Made and guaranteed by THE LARABEE FLOUR MILLS CO., F. E. Hashagen Co., Distributors. WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

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We want every woman who cares for smartly tailored clothes to see these dresses.

Prices $18 50, $19.75, $24.75 and $25.00

"Chanut" Genuine French Kid Gloves $1.25

While Kid Gloves grow scarcer every day, and while other stores are striving to get a genuine French Kid glove to retail at $1.75 or even $2.00, the Belk Stores are prepared with the most satisfactory French Kid on the market and we offer them this week in Plain Black, Plain Tan and Plain White—all sizes—at only $1.25.

WE SELL FOR CASH ONLY

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Ladies New Neckwear on Sale

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor are spending a few days in Savannah, Ga.

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Misses Lois Allen and Beth Troy returned to their homes at Bolton yesterday after a short visit to friends in the city.

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The Mothers and Teachers' club of the Cornelius Harnett school will meet Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the school building.

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The mixed foursome tournament will be held this afternoon at the Cape Fear Country club. The tournament will begin upon the arrival of the 2:35 car.

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There will be a meeting of the Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran church this afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the Luther Memorial Building. A full attendance is desired.

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Miss Margaret A. Quinlivan leaves this morning for Washington, D. C., Baltimore and Philadelphia, where she will spend two weeks, after which she will go to New York city to spend the winter with her aunt, Mrs. B. Troy.

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The Junior Auxiliary of St. John's Parish will hold its annual Christmas sale beginning at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Parish house. There will be many fancy articles for sale. A special feature will be a Christmas tree for the children.

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The sale of needlework and household necessities, conducted by the Ladies Aid Society of Winter Park Methodist church in the Fleet-Davis old stand on North Front street, will continue through today. Oysters will be served as announced for yesterday.

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Mt. Olive, N. C., Dec. 8.—The regular December meeting of the Merry Wives' Embroidery Club was held recently at the home of Mrs. H. E. Wooten, on North Center street, Mrs. Wooten having as her guest of honor Miss Julia Parrott, of Kinston, who graced and lent her many charms to the occasion.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mr. William Parsley, of Wilmington, spent yesterday in the city en route to Rutherfordton, where in the future he will be associated with Mr. Kenneth Tanner in the cotton mill business. Mr. Parsley, who has many friends in Charlotte, was formerly with the Erwin Mills at Durham, and has for the past year been connected with a prominent insurance firm in Wilmington."

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mrs. Louis Brown McKoy, who is spending several weeks in Richmond, Va., with Mr. McKoy's mother, Mrs. Robert H. McKoy, of Charleston, W. Va., will arrive home for Christmas. Mrs. McKoy is recuperating rapidly from a recent operation. Her friends in this city and Wilmington, the latter city her former home, will be gratified to learn of her continued improvement."

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT OF SOROSIS WILL MEET TODAY

The Literature Department of North Carolina Sorosis will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the club rooms on North Third street. The subject for discussion will be the short story, the particular type being under the head of "Phantasy." As illustrations of this type of short story the following will be read and studied at the meeting: "The Parable," by Olive Shriner; a story by Oscar Wilde; "The Jugglers of Notre Dame," by Anatole France; "Ali Baba," from the Arabian Nights.

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Much interest is being manifested in the silver medal contest, to be held Monday, December 13, in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church, under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. This department of medal contest work has been found most effective in educating public sentiment along temperance lines. Strong temperance selections have been made and will be given by the members of Mrs. Kate C. Shaw's class in expression. Besides these, vocal selections wil be rendered by Miss Ruby Duncan and chorus. A large attendance is expected and an evening of entertainment and profit is promised.

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SOROSIS MADE STUDY OF THE OPERA "IL TROVATORE"

The December meeting of the Music Department of North Carolina Sorosis was held yesterday morning with Mrs. Robert G. Grady, No. 108 Nun street. The opera selected for study was "Il Trovatore," by Verdi, and the following programme was rendered:

Reading the story of the opera by Mrs. Schonwald.

Piano duet, "Anvil Chorus," by Miss Post and Mrs. French.

Voice selected from Act IV, by Mrs. Bryan.

Vocal duet, "Home to Our Mountains," by Mrs. Boylan and Miss Bowen.

The following Victor records were used: "At My Mercy Lay the Foe," by Louise Homer and Caruso; "Love Fly on Rosy Pinions," by Tetrazini; "Miserere," by Caruso and Alda.

Miss Foard read a sketch of the lives and achievements of the grand opera singer. The meeting proved most interesting and enjoyable to those in attendance.

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MANY PRIZES WON AT BAZAAR IN GERMANIA HALL

The big bazaar under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the German-American Alliance is still remembered as one of the interesting occasions of the fall season. There was a large list of prizes. They are as follows:

Mrs. Martha Schulken, gas stove; Mr. Manke, umbrella; Mr. H. Vonder Leide, boys' suit of clothes; Mr. Lemke, sweater; Mr. Sam Bear, Jr., mahogany clock; Mr. H. Vonder Leide, book Bijou Mrs. M. G. Tiencken, lady's slippers; Mr. F. W. Dock, lady's watch; Mr. Fred Banck, electric lamp; Toney Nichols, gentleman's shoes; Walter C. Boesch, pair trousers; Captain Lemke, barrel of flour; Mr. Charles Rogers, bicycle lamp; Henry Habenicht, silver service; Mr. M. T. Chisholm, Wilmington Savings Bank account; Mr. John Diekman, People's Savings Bank account; Mr. C. D. Wessell, Atlantic Trust Banking Company account; Mr. Otto Blumke, pair man's shoes; Miss Annie Ehlers, carving set; Mrs. Jack Niggel wall paper; Mrs. W. B. Schuler, laundry tickets; Mr. A. B. McNair, ton of coal; Mr. Henry Habenicht, blanket.

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MR. FRED ROBERTSON COMES TO WILMINGTON TO LIVE.

Hundreds and hundreds of Wilmington friends of Colonel and Mrs. Wm. F. Robertson, formerly among the city's most popular and esteemed residents, as well as many friends of their son, Mr. Fred Robertson himself, when he lived here being a mere lad, will be interested and pleased to know that he has returned to the city and will make this his home in the future, having taken a position with the Navassa Guano Company.

Frederick, as his friends know him, is only three years younger than was his father when he located in Wilmington and he comes from a newspaper position in the present home of his parents in Greenville, S. C. Of his leaving Greenville, the Daily News, of that city, says:

"Fred C. Robertson, for the past several months a reporter for The Daily Piedmont, left Greenville Saturday to accept a position with the Navassa Guano Company, with headquarters in Wilmington, N. C. Mr. Robertson had many friends in Greenville who were sorry to see him leave Greenville, his home for the past three or four years, but he had their wishes for his success in his new field."

THIS TUBERCULOSIS WEEK

Three Special Days to Be Observed —Schools Will Take Friday.

This week is being observed throughout the United States and several territories as Tuberculosis week. The plan of its observation is to focus all interest and put forth special effort on these three particular phases of tuberculosis work on three different days of the week.

The first was medical examination day which was observed yesterday. The plan of a periodical medical examination has been found so effective as a means of staying off so many diseases that the National Tuberculosis Association has adopted it as a splendid means of preventing and staying off tuberculosis.

Friday, December 10, is Children's Health Crusade Day. On this day teachers are urged to present the subject of tuberculosis to their children, especially emphasizing the causes of and means and preventing the disease. The importance of selling and using Red Cross Christmas Seals is another matter the teachers are requested to take up with the pupils.

Sunday, December 12, is the final and probably the most important day of Tuberculosis Week. The preachers of the State have been sent special literature and asked to either preach a sermon on tuberculosis or bring to notice the importance of the subject in some way on this day. Lodges, clubs and the State's various organizations have also been asked to observe Tuberculosis Sunday or give proper attention to the subject on some day during the week.

JUMPED FROM AUTO ON FIRE.

Mr. Chas. S. Southerland Suffered Painful Sprain of the Knee.

Mr. Chas. S. Southerland, of the firm of Southerland & Weaver, clothiers on Princess street, is laid up at his room, No. 115 North Fourth street, suffering with a painful sprain of the knee received Monday when, on North Fourth street, while making the rounds of the trade with a salesman friend of his in that territory, he jumped from a moving automobile when it was discovered by the driver that the machine was on fire.

Mr. Southerland was carried home in the machine after the blaze was extinguished by the chauffeur and he is still confined with the likelihood that it will be some days before he is out again. His knee is badly sprained and the attending physician thinks that some of the ligaments have been broken, complicating the injury. Friends of Mr. Southerland hope for his early recovery and regret to hear of his accident.

WILL GIVE XMAS PRESENTS

Delgado Cotton Mill Does the Gallant Thing by Its Employes.

Every employe of the Delgado Cotton Mills will get a Christmas present representing one-fifth of his or her earnings for the current month, was the decision made at a meeting of the directors of the mill yesterday morning.

This will be good news to 260 operatives, who have contributed in no small way to the success of the enterprise.

The Delgado Mills has done more per spindle during the past year than any mill in the New England States, which is a matter of interest to the entire South. It is especially pleasing to Wilmington people to know that the mill here has made a showing that will compare favorably with any mill in the South.

Cash Carrier System Installed.

The Belk Bros. department store has recently installed a Lamson Cable Carrier System, which is the latest improved type of system for carrying cash and helping to get the right change at the quickest possible moment for customers.

BLACK CAT HOSIERY The Foot Chevy

SILK HOSIERY, SURELY

Silk Hosiery has come to be one of the most acceptable of Gifts.

We have a wonderful assortment, and were fortunate in procuring some unusually fine goods at the moderate prices of 50c and $1.00.

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PRACTICAL GIFTS

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE?

Words of Prophet Micah Used as Basis of Impressive Sermon by Rev. Dr. Loaring Clark.

Rev. Dr. Loaring Clark, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who is conducting a mission at St. James' Episcopal church this week, in his sermon last evening gave an interesting and impressive exposition of the words of the prophet Micah as contained in the sixth chapter and sixth, seventh and eighth verses of that book, wherein it is pointed out that Jehovah does not require sacrifices, outward form and ceremonies or fasting or torturing of body, but that having shown man what is good, requires that man shall do justly, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

Prior to the sermon, Dr. Clark made a very helpful talk on the need of making public confession of Christ and of utilizing the means of grace in our daily lives. Dr. Clark clothes thoughts of great depth of feeling in simple words and large congregations are attending the services. He will preach again tonight.

He pointed out in his sermon last night that a peasant living in Judea nearly three thousand years ago saw that the rich people were becoming richer and the poor people were becoming poorer in much the same way as today and that the lessons he brought to the people of that time are equally applicable today. The greatest danger that can come to a man, said the speaker, is to be successful in business and to acquire riches. Riches at the best offer an enlarged field of service but at the worst make men selfish and narrow in their sympathies.

The first result of riches noted by the prophet was that of coveteousness and the second that of jealousy and envy—the same results that we have today. Men were also filled with greed and sought to use every means to get money, much as they do today.

In view of these conditions, the prophet asks how he should come before Jehovah. Will God be pleased with burnt offerings or with the greater sacrifices of thousands of rams and with ten thousands of oil or even with the offering of the first born for the transgression of men?

The prophet answers that God has showed man what is good, and the speaker in a very striking and impressive manned showed how this is true. God has shown Himself to man in nature, in man's conscience, in the revelation through the Bible and by the voice of His Son. Man has the God-consciousness and is also conscious of his separation from Him.

The prophet continues by stating that man shall do justly and shall love mercy. The speaker stated that these have become popular attributes of living today but that God would have us be more than simply just and kind in the outward sense of conformity to law and to the worldly idea of benevolence. He requires that man shall also be just and merciful in his heart.

Not only that but also that he shall walk humbly before men and before God. It is not in sacrifices but in a broken contrite heart that God seeks righteousness and goodness, the speaker stated.

One of the inspiring and helpful features of the services at St. James' this week has been the singing of the old familiar hymns in which the congregation joins with the large vested choir.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Many friends will regret to learn that Capt. W. B. Beery, Sr., is seriously ill at the home of his son, Mr. W. B. Beery, Jr., No. 406 South Sixth street.

—Mr. J. D. Sidbury has returned to his home, No. 211 Meares street, after spending several days in Richmond, Washington and other Northern cities.

—Mr. F. H. McCullough, secretary and treasurer of Shepard's Chemical Company, has returned from Pittsburgh, Pa., where he visited friends and relatives for several days.

—North Carolina arrivals at The Orton yesterday included: Messrs. N. P. Angell and F. L. Hardison, Newbern; J. C. Lewis, Rocky Mount; A. H. Simmons, Catherine Lake; J. K. Nicholson, Council; E. W. Henderson, Charlotte; J. L. North, Raleigh.

—The following North Carolinians were registered yesterday at Hotel Wilmington: R. Muddleston and R. F. Williams, Roseboro; G. Goldback, Raleigh; J. K. Russell, Dunn; W. D. Paine, Goldsboro; H. P. Lanston, Lattimore; H. Barnly, Rose Hill; B. B. Lassiter, Charlotte; J. H. Waddell, Newbern; J. H. Wadsley, Winston-Salem.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Suit was started yesterday in the Recorder's court by August Wright against J. H. Loughlin, to recover an alleged debt. Kenan & Stacy represent the plaintiff.

—United States Deputy Marshall J. N. Fennell has committed to the New Hanover jail Arthur Sibbitt, of Columbus county, who is charged with illicit distilling. Sibbitt was given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner H. C. Moffett, of Whiteville, and committed to jail in default of bond in the sum of $200 to await trial at the next term of Federal court in Wilmington.

REAL ESTATE LOOKS UP.

One Agency Turns Deals for $50,000 in Month—Purchase Yesterday.

That the real estate market in Wilmington is "looking up" and that desirable property is still saleable at before-the-war prices is indicated by transactions of upwards of $50,000 during the past 30 days through the real estate agency of L. W. Moore, whose corps of salesmen have turned several neat deals recently.

Yesterday the agency concluded the sale of a very desirable piece of residence property on the south side of Market, between 15th and 16th streets, when Mr. O. T. Wallace purchased from Mr. W. M. Hurst a lot 66x165 feet in size, adjoining the property of Miss Lucy B. Moore, the florist. The consideration was approximately $5,000, according to report from the Moore agency. It is stated that Mr. Wallace will probably build a home on the property.

Charlotte in the Running.

Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Sales of Red Cross Christmas Seals are mounting rapidly at the various locations at which the tiny holiday emblems were placed on sale in this city last week. The sale of 100,000 is the goal of the local Red Cross Association this year. Last year the total sales reached but 43,000, Charlotte being outstripped upon this point by Asheville, Winston and Wilmington."

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SECOND LIEUTENANT HOLMES

Wilmington Light Infantry Has Annual Election of Officers—Mr. J. W. Galloway President.

First Sergeant Edward H. Holmes, at the regular weekly meeting of the Wilmington Light Infantry this week, was elected unanimously as second lieutenant to succeed Lieut. Louis B. Orrell, who recently resigned because of going to Havre, France, to take a position in the foreign office of Alexander Sprunt & Son. Lieutenant Holmes was a rival candidate for the position at the time Lieutenant Orrell was elected and lacked only one vote of getting as many as the latter.

Capt. Edward P. Bailey, the popular commanding officer of the company, received notice from Adjutant General L. W. Young, of the North Carolina National Guard, some days ago to have the election. Lieutenant Holmes has been a member of the W. L. I. for the past ten years and has served most capably both as a private and as a non-commissioned officer. His many friends have been much pleased to learn of his promotion and feel that it is an honor well bestowed.

Immediately after the election of Mr. Holmes Tuesday night, the monthly business meeting was held and civil officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—John W. Galloway, re-elected.

Vice President—McB. Wilson.

Secretary and Treasurer—R. B. Lewis.

Chaplain—Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church.

Historian—John Q. Swann.

Armory Finance Committee—Capt. E. P. Bailey (ex-officio chairman); Messrs. Louis Fisher, Kenneth W. Gaylor, Jas. R. Morse and R. B. Lewis.

NEW WATER ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

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the deposit will be returned to the consumer. If the meter is found to be registering correctly or under registering the deposit will be retained by the city and will be covered into the funds of the Water and Sewerage Department.

"6—For Fire Protection Only:

4 inch service ..... $15.00 per qr.
6 inch service ..... 25.00 per qr.
8 inch service ..... 50.00 per qr.

"When user has more than one tap to same property in the same block for fire protection, one-half of the above rate will be charged on each additional tap.

"All expense incurred in installing this class of service, including cost of meter, shall be paid for by the owner. Meters must be selected or approved by the Water Department.

"Any water used through fire services or permitted to leak, (except in case of fire) shall be charged for at regular meter rates:

"7—Sewerage—Installation Charges:

For 4 inch service ..... $ 5.00
For 5 inch service 7.50
for 6 inch service 10.00

"8.—All ordinances, rules, regulations and agreements now existing and in force and which are in conflict with this ordinance or any part hereof are to the extent of such conflict, and to that extent only repealed."

Councilman Merritt, who reported that the roof of the City Hall was in need of repairs, was authorized to have the work done. A lette rfrom the N. B. Josey Guano Company, asking for a water hydrant near its plant, was referred to Councilman Jones. A bill from the Atlantic Bitulithic Paving Company for $459 for work done on Market street last year was ordered paid. The matter of filling in of a low place on Ninth street between Green and Fanning so that the sewer pipes will be under ground, was referred to Councilman Bradshaw. Councilman Bradshaw asked that a list be secured of property owners, who have not put down improved sidewalks, residing on Seventh street between Markett and Redcross and on Fourth between Castle and Greenfield.

The monthly report of Mr. John J. Furlong, superintendent of streets, and of Mr. James E. Holton, assistant superintendent of streets, were submitted and ordered filed.

Recipe—
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in one certain mortgage given by D. M. Beardsley and wife, Saran E. Beardsley, to H. A. Burr, Jr., on August 15, 1914, and duly recorded in Book 74, page 402, Public Records of New Hanover County, and assigned by the said mortgagee to the Standard Supply Company, default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1915, at 12:00 o'clock, M., at the Court House door, in Wilmington, North Carolina offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described pieces, parcels or lots of land, located in Harnett Township, New Hanover County and bounded and described as follows:

First Tract—Being lot No. 5, Block A on the Revised Map of Seagate Park and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the western line of Myrtle Avenue, seven hundred and four (704) feet northwardly from its intersection with the northern line of Bradley's Creek Macadam Road, said point being south 30 degrees west about three hundred and fifty (350) feet from high water mark or west side of Bradley's Creek, runs thence south 30 degrees west and along said western line of Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet to a point in the northern line of Lot No. six (6) in said Block, runs thence north 61 degrees west and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, thence north 30 degrees east and parallel with Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet; thence south 61 degrees east and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, to the western line of Myrtle Avenue, the beginning.

Second Tract—Being Lot No. 4, Block A, according to Revised Map of Seagate Park, recorded in Book 65, at page 465 of the Records of New Hanover County, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of a tract of land now or formerly belonging to Gertrude J. Howell, said point being located north 30 degrees E. 713 feet from the northerly line of Bradley's Creek Road, and running thence north 30 degrees E. 377 feet, more or less, to high water mark, or west side of Bradley's or Lee's Creek; thence in a southeastwardly direction along said high water mark of said creek fifty-eight (58) feet to the northwestern corner of Lot No. 3, in said Block; thence south 30 degrees west along the western line of said Lot No. 3, 362 feet, to the southwest corner of said lot No. 3, and thence north 61 degrees west fifty-two and two-tenths (52.2) feet to the beginning, together with nelessary right of way as granted in deed from A. W. Pate and wife to S. W. Sebrell, dated April 30, 1909, duly recorded in Book 58, at page 268 of the Records of said County.

Said sale being made subject to a first mortgage for approximately $4800.00, given by H. A. Burr, Jr., and wife, to the Rural Building and Loan Association and recorded in Book 68, page 172.

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THEATRICAL

Appetites are being whetted among the lovers of the classic in photoplay productions, for the coming of America's most representative actress, Mrs. Fiske, in an elaborate picturization of Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," to be presented at the Victoria Theatre next Saturday, matinee and night.

Despite her deep interest in motion pictures and her agreeable adventures in acting before a camera, Mrs. Fiske has no intention of continuing in the work, and this will probably be the one great imperishable preservation of her great art. Her desire to perpetuate her characterization of Becky Sharpe, in which she has been seen around the world, was her chief reason for accepting the proposal to make this production of "Vanity Fair."

"Vanity Fair" contains a remarkable

Miss Mabel Laffin, the petite little prima donna to be seen in a prominent role in "September Morn," at the Academy of Music Saturday, matinee and night.

ball room scene which for size and magnificence is said to be unrivalled. The description of Lady Richardson's ball in "Vanity Fair" is frequently referred to as one of the greatest bits of prose in the English language. To visualize this beautiful scene as Thackeray would have wished to see it, was the ambition of every one interested in staging it.

"September Morn."

"September Morn" the cyclonic girl and song show coming to the Academy, matinee and night on next Saturday is one of the brightest, cleverest, wittiest, prettiest entertainments ever seen on any stage. It sparkles. It has humor, melody, color, spirit, and a score that holds the auditor with its swinging lilting airs. The book by Arthur Gillespie, is the kind of fooling that encourages worried people to forget their troubles. It has spice, It is not like stale soda water. The fizz is there. At the same time there is nothing to offend. It all gets over the footlights because it is very much alive. You never have time to sit back and rest, so contagious is the humor and so persistent is the merry revelishly done. The story rings true all the way, and makes an interesting tale of an unpleasant subject; that is an achievement within itself. 'The Secret Sin' is a good picture."

That's enough to recommend it to Royal patrons, we believe, without adding any further comment.

Special Release at Grand.

"Nell of the Dance Hall," is a great three-reel Lubin special release that features today's big bill at the Grand. "Nell of the Dance Hall," is a stirring three-reel human interest drama, and stars pretty Edythe Sterling, formerly of Universal, with L. C. Shumway, George Routh and Robert Gray in the leading roles. Miss Sterling plays the role of "Nell, the Dancing Doll" and the story tells of her reformation and marriage to the man of her heart, a clergyman. Nell is under the influence of the proprietor of the dance hall where she performs, but the minister, who lives nearby, one day proves a benefactor when he punishes Keats for his insulting attention. The hall is razed a few days later and Nell escapes and seeks refuge in the minister's home. Here she finds peace and

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ling. One of the striking features of "September Morn" is the remarkable chorus, these clever girls work in perfect harmony a revelation to the theatre-goer. The cast is composed of members who have been seen in some of our best musical successes and the production readily accounts for the marvelous success the piece has achieved.

The matinee prices run from 50 cents to $1. The night prices range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets are now selling at Plummer's.

Blanche Sweet at Royal.

Today the Royal presents for the third time since its opening, that popular photoplay star, Blanche Sweet, in happiness and the minister finds his affinity in the former "dancing doll."

"A Broth of a Boy" is an Edison drama that features Andrew Clark and Flora Stover in the leading roles.

Animal Picture—Bijou.

Honest now folks, wouldn't the other so-called animal pictures make you laugh after seeing what the Universal calls animal pictures?" Goodness gracious! In a recent animal picture we saw a woman actually walk right by a real live lion. True, the lion never moved, nor showed any interest in the doing, but it was an "animal picture" all the same.

Well, you all just want to take a glimpse of "The Heart of a Tigress" at the Bijou today, a great three-reel wild animal picture that is a real animal picture. Starred in this wonderful picture is Paul Bourgeois and Mme. Bourbeous, and some big Universal stars to put the real acting in, and it will give you such thrills and such surprises as you've never had before.

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SCHOONER IS IN DISTRESS

Lumber Vessel on Shoal 35 Miles Below Newbern—Cotton Seed Sales Heavy.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 8.—Lying high and dry on a shoal thirty-five miles below Newbern is the schooner "May and Anna Boswick," Captain J. W. Knowles in command, while standing by her waiting to give aid as soon as the wind shifts and the tide comes in, is the U. S. Coast Guard cutter Pamlico.

The schooner went ashore last Friday as she was en route from Norfolk to Newbern to take on a cargo of lumber. The cutter was informed of her plight and went to her assistance and for seventy-two hours the men worked valiantly in an attempt to pull her into deep water. However, all attempts proved of no avail and the work was, for the time being, abandoned.

Up until the present time more cotton seed have been sold on the local market than has been the case in many previous seasons and in addition to this, the price paid for the seed has been much larger than has heretofore been the case. For several weeks the price on the local market has ranged between forty and forty-five dollars per ton and every farmer who had seed to sell, disposed of them.

Although the weather in that section during the past few weeks has not been all that could be desired for that particular variety of work, the construction company which is engaged in the work of building the giant breakwater at the Harbor of Refuge near Cape Lookout, is losing no time in dumping hundreds of tons of rock there each day and in consequence the work is going rapidly forward.

Between twenty-five and thirty-five carloads of rock are passing through Newbern each day en route to Morehead City where it is loaded on barges and transported to the Cape to be dumped. The construction company, by beginning work several months in advance of the time set for the starting of operations, are enabled to dump less than forty carloads of rock a day, this being the amount called for in the contract.

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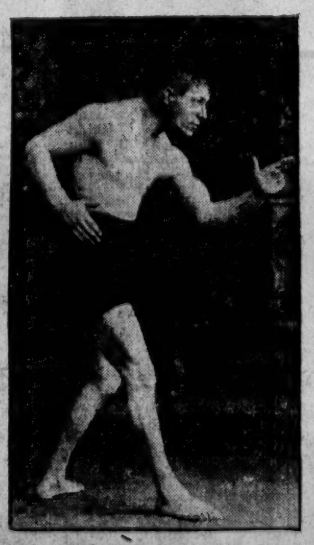

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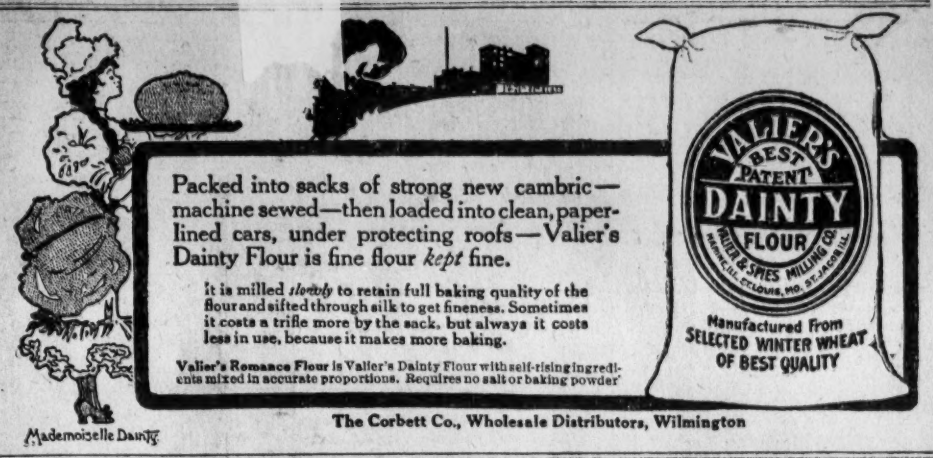
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To Extend Line Twelve Miles From Bryson City.

Electric Wiring at Maxton and Laurinburg Being Inspected—Dr. Harper's Successor Elected. Raleigh News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—The Alaska Valley Railroad Company, principal office at Bryson City, was chartered by the State today for the construction of 12 miles of railroad, wholly in Swain county, to extend from Bryson City, on the Murphy branch of the Southern Railway, to the falls of the Alaska creek. The line is to go in a southerly direction from Bryson City to Alaska Creek and then follow the creek valley to the falls.

The capital is $150,000 authorized and that subscribed is $12,000, in shares of $10 each. The incorporators are Arthur Brooks, of Buchanan, West, Va.; Leslie Brooks, Irene Brooks, J. E. Coburn, D. K. Collins and L. Lee Marr.

There is a charter for the Central Garage (Inc.), of Asheville, capital $5,000 authorized and $2,100 subscribed by George E. Brown, C. N. Brown, Frank Brown and others.

There is an amendment for the charter of the Lexington Auto and Bus Company, of Lexington, by which the capital is reduced from $2,500 to $625.

E. E. Gray, Jr., and Sherwood Brockwell, of the State Department of Insurance, are spending a few days in Greensboro for the special purpose of inspecting the fire prevention equipment of the State Normal and Industrial College and the Colored Agricultural and Technical College.

N. E. Cannady,, electric wiring expert for the State Department of Insurance, has gone to Maxton and Laurinburg for the purpose of making a general inspection of the electric wiring, especially in business houses and residences in these growing towns.

Dr. E. G. Moore, of Elm City, has been chosen as a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners to succeed the lamented Dr. Charles T. Harper, of Wilmington. The election was at a special meeting of the State board just held with Drs. J. G. Blount, Washington; I. M. Taylor, Morganton; J. F. Highsmith, Fayetteville; J. Q. Myres, Charlotte, and Hubert Royster, of Raleigh, present. The board named June 26 to 30 as the dates for the next examinations of applicants for licenses to practice medicine in this State.

Oil Mills and Soy Beans.

Mr. C. B. Williams, chief division of agronomy, during the past month or so has been taking up in systematic way with cotton oil mills a plan for utilizing the soy bean crop of the State. As North Carolina is probably the largest soy bean State in the Union. It would appear that there is a great possibility for the oil mills of the State to use this bean in the extraction of the oil from it in the same general way they are extracting the oil from cotton seed. When this can be done, and there is no question but what it will be done, shortly, it will greatly prolong the operating season of the cotton oil mills. Very encouraging reports have been received by the division of agronomy from a large number of mills stating that they would begin to use anywhere from 100 to 1,000 tons of soy beans this year. The soybean contains about the same amount of oil that is contained in cotton seed. The meal that would be secured from the crushing of the beans would have high feeding value for live stock, in fact, it would be a somewhat richer feed than cotton seed meal is.

SHIPPING HOLLY NORTHWARD.

Pender Free Rangers Meet—Question Asked as to Cotton Prices.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 8.—The shipment of holly from here has been quite a business for a few weeks past and it is still going forward in considerable quantities. This business turns loose a pretty nice sum of money among the farmers each season.

The Free Rangers had their regular monthly meeting in the court house Monday, and it is reported that they agreed to turn their stock out the first of March, as that is the time the law is to go into effect, though the same law says it shall go into effect when the fence is built around the county. Just how these conflicting laws will be reconciled does not appear.

The cotton growers around here are asking why it is that the Wilmington market for cotton is always a half cent a pound lower than Charleston and Savannah and other ports. For instance, on December 6th, cotton was quoted as follows: New York 12.60; Savannah 12.25; Charleston 12; Wilmington 11 5-8. They can't understand why Wilmington should be lower than these other markets, as they know shipment is made direct from Wilmington to foreign ports, just the same as from these other places, and they can't see why there should be any difference in the prices, as it looks like Wilmington is as favorably situated for shipping as any of the others. The Norfolk market is also always considerably higher than Wilmington.

Dr. W. H. Crowell, who formerly resided here and practiced his profession, but left here about ten years ago, has decided to return here to practice, and is here now. His friends will be glad to know that he is again to locate here.

Services were held at Pike Presbyterian church Monday, but on account of the severely cold weather it was deemed best to discontinue the services, which were to have continued through the week, Rev. A. J. Howell, of Wilmington, assisting the pastor, Rev. P. L. Clark.

The revival at the Baptist church here came to a close Sunday evening and Rev. F. T. Collins left for his home at Clinton Monday. Rev. E. L. Weston went to Clinton Sunday to preach for Rev. Mr. Collins.

IS GRANTED INJUNCTION

Collection of Taxes Levied on Tobacco is Restrained.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—Judge Scott, in circuit court today, granted to the Export Leaf Tobacco Company an injunction restraining Richmond and Virginia from collecting taxes levied on tobacco assessed at $2,423,547 stored in the company's warehouse here. A hearing will be set later.

The city holds tobacco in hogsheads to be tangible property, subject to a city tax rate of 1.65 per thousand; the company wishes the tobacco listed as intangible property, subject to a state tax rate of 65 cents and a city tax rate of 20 cents.

SUPREME COURT FILES OPINIONS IN 35 CASES

No Error in LeGwin vs. Atlantic Coast Line, New Hanover.

Most of the Appeals Decided in Opinions Delivered Yesterday Are From Central and Western North Carolina.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—The Supreme Court delivered opinions this afternoon in 35 appeals as follows:

Warren vs. Dale, Greene county, no error; LeGwin vs. Atlantic Coast Line, New Hanover, no error; Bennett vs. Winston-Salem Railway Company, Forsythe, no error; State vs. Blauntia, Guilford, no error; Fisher vs. Fisher, affirmed; County of Guilford vs. Porter, et al., reversed; Cameron vs. Dick, Guilford, new trial; Moon vs. Simpson, Guilford, new trial; Richmond Guano Company, vs. Bennett, Richmond, new trial; Reid vs. Alexander, Mecklenburg, action dismissed; State vs. Cline, Burke, new trial; State vs. Smith (Malcom), Montgomery, no error; Scott vs. Commissioners of Cabarrus county, affirmed; Burris vs. Bush, Caldwell, no error; McSwain vs. Washburn, Cleveland, no error; Cowles vs. Insurance Company, Iredell, no error; Lamonds vs. Wright, Montgomery, no error; Mills vs. Deaton, Iredell, reversed; Drainage Commissioners vs. Mitchell, Caldwell, no error; Howell vs. Hurley, Montgomery, no error; Currie vs. Mining Company, Montgomery, no error; State vs. Stephens, Catawba, no error; Estes vs. Nash, Avery, appeal dismissed; Caldwell Land and Lumber Company, vs. Chester, Avery, appeal dismissed; Champion vs. Daniel, Rutherford, new trial; Campbell vs. Sigmon, Catawba, no error; Thompson vs. Stockton, Catawba, affirmed; State vs. Stephenson, Catawba, affirmed; Yoder vs. Fry, Catawba, affirmed; Blackwell vs. Osborne, Rockingham, affirmed; Gilliland vs. Gilliland, Guilford, affirmed; Lee vs. Milton, Union, affirmed; Publishing Company vs. Furniture Company, Guilford, affirmed; Dickinson vs. Seidenburg, Guilford, affirmed; Berry vs. Methodist church, Mecklenburg, affirmed.

Case from New Hanover.

In LeGwin vs. Atlantic Coast Line, from New Hanover, the Supreme Court sustains a verdict and judgment for damages. The plaintiff was injured in being caught between two freight cars on the railroad tracks serving the Chadbourn Lumber Co. The railroad company had set up the defense of contributory negligence.

The Supreme Court finds no error in the case of State vs. V. H. Blauntia, from Guilford, in which a barber was convicted and sentenced as having had an unlawful quantity of liquors on hand for purpose of sale, when no liquors were actually found in his actual possesion at all. This is the case in which two barrels marked "Michigan Seed Potatoes" and filled with pint flasks of whiskey with potatoes top and bottom, were found in the depot at Greensboro, consigned to the barber and later other empty barrels similarly marked and empty flasks of like shape were found on the premises of Blauntia. The Supreme Court holds that these circumstances were sufficient to warrant the verdict by the jury and that evidence that the barrels found at the depot were there by order of Blauntia and through his procurement amounts to his personal possession.

In the case of Guilford county vs. Horter and others, involving the right of the county to deed in fee simple certain portions of the old court house square for other than court house purposes, the Supreme Court reverses the lower court and holds that these parts of the square must be used for "public square" purposes.

NORTH CAROLINIANS WILL PLAY CONSPICUOUS PART.

At Southern Commercial Congress Next Week in Charleston.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—North Carolinians will play a conspicuous part in the epochal sessions of the Southern Commercial Congress to be held next week in Charleston to celebrate the progress of the South in the last half century and to devise plans for its future growth.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels will attend the Congress and fire the opening gun in behalf of the Administration's National defense programme. He will be followed by Secretary of War Garrison, who will discuss the army in its relation to a stronger national defense. Other members of the President's cabinet who will attend are Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Labor Wilson.

Secretary McAdoo will explain to Southern business men the details of the proposed new ship purchase bill and the reasons why it is vitally needed to promote the commercial growth of the South and of the nation. This is expected to be a notable feature of the Congress as Mr. McAdoo is the authority in the cabinet on this subject and has probably gone deeper into the question than any one else in administration circles or in Congress.

Secretary Wilson will discuss the plans of his department to cure the evil of unemployment which many thoughtful men today regard as the greatest danger to our civic welfare. Assistant Secretary of Labor Post and Assistant Secretary of Commerce Sweet will also be among the distinguished speakers at the Congress.

Governor Locke Craig will designate a score of the leading business men of the State to attend the Congress in an official capacity. The North Carolina delegation will be headed by E. L. Daughtridge, of Rocky Mount, Lieutenant Governor, and A. E. Tate, of High Point, both of whom are members of the Congress' board of directors.

Samuel L. Rogers, director of the Bureau of the Census, will speak on the statistical progress of the South during the last half century. He has prepared from the official records in his office the facts on Southern growth and development which ought to be in the vest pocket of every Southern business man.

Another timely topic to engage the attention of the Congress will be land credit, the campaign for which was inaugurated in this country at the Nashville convention of the Southern Commercial Congress, in 1914. Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, editor of the Progressive Farmer, and a deep student of the subject, will discuss this aid to rural development. David Lubin, American delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome, Italy, and probably the leading authority on rural credits in this country, will direct the symposium on this subject.

Theodore Marburg, of Baltimore, former United States minister to Belgium, whose wife was Miss Fannie Grainger, of Wilmington, N. C., will be one of the distinguished participants in the Congress. His subject, "International Anarchy," promises the development of one of the most interesting discussions of a busy and notable week.

MASS MEETING TO DISCUSS COTTON MILL AT WHITEVILLE.

Much Wheat Sown in Columbus—Teachers' Meeting—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 8.—There will be a mass meeting at the court house at Whiteville on Wednesday, December 15th, for the purpose of discussing the cotton mill that is proposed for the town. All those interested in the enterprise are requested to be at the meeting promptly at 12 o'clock. Our community needs enterprises, and this is an ideal point for the proposed plant. Many leading business men are expected to be present and start the movement at once.

The farmers of Columbus have planted wheat this fall, and they say that all home supplies will be raised in the county next year. Winter cover crops have been planted throughout the county.

There was a largely attended meeting of the teachers at the High School auditorium here last Saturday. Much interest was manifested and great good accomplished.

The convicts are now at work in the Wananish section of the county, and, with 60 men in the force, a great deal of good work can be accomplished. The roads that have been built are not kept up as they should be, and a fund for the up-keep of the roads is badly needed. The people are talking this, anyway, and something will be done about the matter before very long.

More fine hogs are being reported in this county than ever before. The farmers are improving their stock on all sides. They have made corn and forage crops to feed with this year.

D. S. H.

DEATH AT MAGNOLIA.

Five-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wilson Passes Away.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Magnolia, N. C., Dec. 8.—The funeral of Anna Laura Wilson, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wilson, of this place, was conducted from the Methodist churches yesterday by Rev. R. F. Munns. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson in their bereavement. The child appeared to be feeling as well as it ever did Sunday and went to Sunday school. It was taken sick about 7 o'clock Sunday night and died about 7 o'clock Monday night. The doctors said it had pneumonia.

The holly season is in full blast here now with holly a little scarce and the price very good. There is generally from 25 to 40 carloads of holly shipped from here to the North and Northwestern states each season.

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DEARTH OF NEEDLES

Common-Place German-Made Articles Are Scarce in Rome.

Rome, Dec. 6.—The scarcity of common-place articles of every-day use such as needles, toilet supplies and drugs is probably more accentuated in Italy than in any of the other belligerent countries, because these things have been supplied to Italy almost entirely by Germany. One of the branches of an American sewing machine company, for instance, reports it is no longer able to supply medium-sized needles, because these are made in Germany. It also appears an impossibility to buy a fever thermometer in Rome, as this is another article of German make. The supply of aspirin and a number of other remedies is exhausted at most of the pharmacies, and doctors are finding it increasingly difficult to get their prescriptions filled because of the lack of drugs.

This dearth of necessaries is rendered heavier to bare by the almost impossibility of getting goods from other countries and from the high cost of living. The cars for the transport of goods are all used for military purposes and Rome even is threatened by a sugar famine although the manufacturers have sufficient for the needs of the whole country. The cost of living has altogether increased about four times and promises to rise further.

ADOPTS GERMAN SYSTEM.

Turkey Erecting Continuation School on German Model.

Berlin, Dec. 6. — One of the results of the Turkish alliance with Germany is that a beginning has been made by the Turks in taking over some of the features of the German educational system. Dispatches from Constantinople tell of the erection there of continuation schools, based on the German model, with a curriculum which includes among other studies book-keeping, arithmetic, geography, commercial science, commercial correspondence and German. The Constantinople Association of Manufacturers and Dealers has published a notice calling attention to the new schools and urging the masters of various trades to as instructors, see that their apprentices attend regularly. The schools are free.

The "taffejuz" school has made German an obligatory study.

The newspaper, Tanin, in an article concerning the continuation schools, pays high praise to the German system. It points out that the Germans, so far from slackening their educational work during the war, not only maintain it fully, but have also maintained schools in enemy countries, using military men

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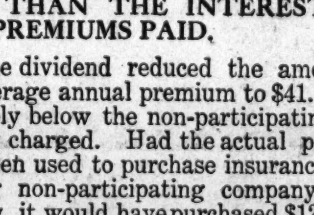

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5. Use the full cash value to purchase an annuity of $36.50 for life.

The dividend amounted to 23.1 per cent of the premiums paid, and the full cash value, if taken, would have returned to the insured $10.23 more than he paid in, **HIS INSURANCE THUS COSTING HIM LESS THAN THE INTEREST ON THE PREMIUMS PAID.**

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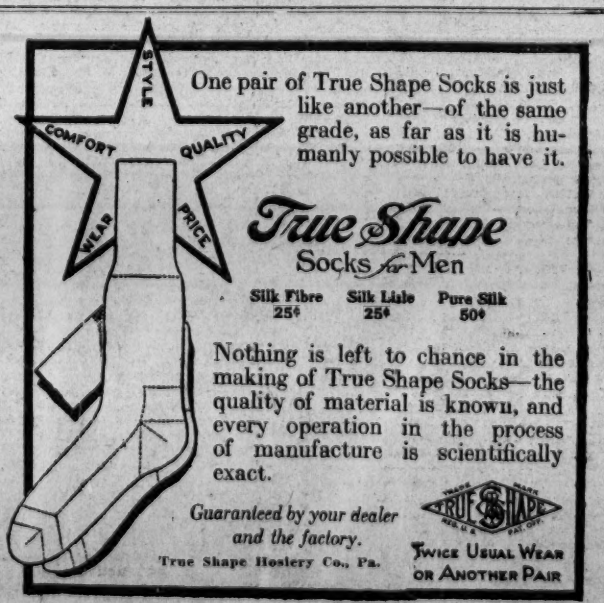

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON RULED IRREGULAR

Early Advance Later Forced Down Under Realizing—March Closes at 12.88 and Spot at 12.70.

New York, Dec. 8.—Strong cables and a bullish view of the census ginning report were responsible for a sharp early advance in the cotton market today, but prices later eased off under realizing, with March selling down from 13.00 to 12.83 and closing at 12.88.

The general list closed steady, net two points higher to two points lower. Prices made new high ground for the movement during the early trading. The opening was firm 8 to 11 points up, and active months sold 10 to 13 points above last night's closing during the first few minutes, with January advancing to 12.72 and May to 13.21 or approximately $7 per bale from the low level of last month in the case of March contracts. The census figures showing 9,711,453 bales ginned to December 1, were practically in line with bullish expectation, but the advance proved the signal for heavy realizing in advance of the government's crop estimate expected Friday. Active buying by houses with Liverpool connections to undo straddles absorbed these offerings during the first hour, but after Liverpool closed the realizing made more impression on the market. There was buying by trade interests as well as covering of shorts and a broadening outside demand which took the cotton on a scale down, but as prices eased off, some reactionary sentiment developed and the market broke some 4 to 6 points under last night's closing figures during the afternoon. January sold off to 12.55 and May to 13.04, or about 17 points from the early high level. The decline was checked around these figures by bullish Southern spot advices or covering by early sellers and the close showed rallies of 5 or 6 points from the lowest.

Futures closed steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	12.70	12.72	12.55	12.60
March	13.00	13.00	12.83	12.88
May	13.18	13.21	13.04	13.09
July	13.28	13.30	13.14	13.18
October	12.80	12.72	12.72	

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 12.70; sales 800 bales.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Census Bureau Ginning Report Has Bullish Effect.

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—After a short period of firmness and higher prices around the opening today the cotton market fell off under heavy selling pressure. The Census Bureau report on ginning was the main bullish feature of the session while straddle selling from Liverpool was generally considered the chief factor against values.

Among the opening, trading months were up 13 to 16 points and the market appeared headed for higher levels when a flood of offerings of January and March hit the ring. A sharp break resulted, carrying January 20 points down. Other months lost 17 to 18 points. Mixed with the selling from abroad was a moderate volume of offerings from longs who were evening up over the pending government crop estimate. At the lowest of the day prices were four points under yesterday's lost quotations.

After the close of Liverpool the market took on a steadier tone and at one time was 6 to 7 points over yesterday's final figures. No great buying power developed, however, and the close was at a net gain of 3 to 5 points.

Closed steady. Closing bid: January 12.47; March 12.79; May 13.01; July 13.14; October 12.68.

Spot cotton firm, unchanged. Sales on the spot 1,465; to arrive 835. Middling 12.13.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 12.13; receipts, 10,374; exports, 4,502; sales, 2,300; stock, 363,113.

Galveston — Middling, 12.60; receipts, 15,446; sales, 258; stock, 307,670.

Mobile — Middling, 12.13; receipts, 494; sales, 50; stock, 23,924.

Savannah—Middling, 12.38; receipts, 4,834; sales, 2,205; stock, 221,694.

Charleston—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 1,139; sales, 500; stock, 97,151.

Wilmington — Receipts, 730; stock, 48,315.

Norfolk—Middling, 12.19; receipts, 4,994; sales, 911; stock, 117,833.

Baltimore—Stock, 4,270.

Boston — Middling, 12.75; receipts, 298; stock, 8,200.

Philadelphia—Middling, 12.95; stock, 2,463.

New York—Middling, 12.70; receipts, 50; stock, 305,302.

Minor Ports—Stock, 52,163.

Total today—Receipts, 38,359; exports, 4,502; stock, 1,552,102.

Total for week—Receipts, 172,786; exports, 53,717.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,379,431; exports, 1,904,985.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 12.60; receipts, 12,482; shipments, 11,572; sales, 17,829; stock, 281,152.

Memphis — Middling, 12.25; receipts, 6,209; shipments, 3,485; sales, 1,850; stock, 312,388.

Augusta — Middling, 12.13; receipts, 1,964; shipments, 794; sales, 2,064; stock, 201,786.

St. Louis — Middling, 12¼; receipts, 2,616; shipments, 2,711; sales, 12; stock, 14,611.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 786; shipments, 407; stock, 14,026.

Little Rock — Middling, 12.25; receipts, 1,564; shipments, 1,664; sales, 1,664; stock, 40,867.

Dallas—Middling, 12.00.

Montgom'y — 12.00; sales, 444.

Total today—Receipts, 26,621; shipments, 20,633; stock, 861,830.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 8. — Mercantile paper, 3@3¼. Sterling, sixty day bills, 4.67; demand, 4.7150; cables, 4.7225. Bar silver, 55¾; Mexican dollars, 42¾. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, heavy. Time loans, firm; sixty days, 2½; ninety days, 2¾; six months, 2¾@3. Call money, steady; high, 2 per cent.; low, 1¾; ruling rate, 1¾; last loan, 2; closing bid, 1¾; offered at 2 per cent.

New York, Dec. 8. — Raw sugar, easy; centrifugal, 5¼; molasses, 4.37; refined, quiet.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 7¾; Santos, No. 4, 9c.

Butter—Steady.

WHEAT PRICES SENT DOWN

Larger Country Offerings in Northwest Give Advantage to Bears—Corn and Oats Lower.

Chicago, Dec. 8. — Larger country offerings in the Northwest finally gave the advantage to the bears today in wheat, after the market had passed through more ups and downs than usual. Prices finished weak, ⅞ to 1 to 1¼c. net lower, with December at $1.15⅝ and May at 1.16¾.

Corn closed ¼ to ⅛@⅜c. down; oats off a shade to ⅛ to ¼c, and provisions varying from 15 cents decline to a rise of 35 cents.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat — December, 1.15⅝; May, 1.16¾.

Corn—December, 68; May, 72.

Oats—December, 43¼; May, 45¾.

Pork—January, 18.50; May, 18.45.

Lard—January, 9.70; May, 9.97.

Ribs—January, 9.87; May, 10.10.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.21; No. 3, red, 1.16 to 1.19½; No. 2, hard, nominal; No. 3, hard, 1.12.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, old, 72¼; No. 4, yellow, new, 66 to 67¾; No. 4, white, new, 66 to 67.

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 8.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—53½c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.65.

TAR—$2.30-9½.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

Quotation same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 42. Rosin, $3.15. Tar, $2.00-8½. Crude Turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 12

Rosin 73

Tar .. .. .198

Crude Turpentine 18

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 6 casks; rosin, 28 barrels; tar, 251 barrels; crude turpentine, 32 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11⅝c. Quotations same day last year, 7c.

Receipts—693 bales; same day last year, 1,370 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 130,306 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 73,706 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 8.

Atlantic Coast Line—630 bales cotton; 7 barrels rosin; 66 barrels tar; 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—63 bales cotton.

Str. Whitlock—6 casks spirits turpentine; 40 barrels rosin; 68 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Thelma—16 barrels tar.

Str. Lathrop—6 casks spirits turpentine; 26 barrels rosin; 48 barrels tar.

Total—693 bales cotton; 12 casks spirits turpentine; 73 barrels rosin; 198 barrels tar; 18 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 8.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market lower. Fancy hand-picked, 80c.; No. 1, machine picked, 75c. per bushel.

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop, steady; No. 1, small, machine-picked, 85c.; Jumbos, 80c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 8.)

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 15c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 8. — Spanish: Farmers' stock: Old peanuts, first quality, 70c. per bu.; old, damaged, 40c. to 50c. per bu.; new, dry and clean, 95c. per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; new prime, 3c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 8. — Turpentine, quiet, 53½; sales, —; receipts, 189; shipments, —; stock, 14,949.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 1,770; receipts, 1,555; shipments, —; stock, 76,193. Quote: A, B, C, D, 5.60; E, 5.60@5.65; F, G, 5.60@5.70; H, I, 5.60@5.75; K, 5.95@6.15; M, 6.20@6.25; N, 6.30; W G, 6.90; W W, 7.00@7.15.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 8. — Cotton goods were firm and advanced today. Yarn firm and worsted yarns more active and

STOCKS WERE UNSETTLED

Affected by President's Message, Relations With Germany, Intimated Trade Reaction, Etc.

New York, Dec. 8.—The President's message, increased tension in the relations between Washington and Berlin, banking intimations of a possible domestic trade reaction and a fall in the Anglo-French notes, played their part in today's professional stock market. Trading was active during the first hour, when prices fell and rebounded rather feverishly, but the balance of the session was marked by frequent periods of stagnation.

Opinion seemed to be more divided regarding the President's views on the taxing of various raw and finished products, and on the surface, at least, little interest was manifested in the proposed policy of home defense. The decline in Anglo-French notes to 96, for "future" delivery, a drop of two points from the offering price to the public, was viewed as a bearish diversion designed to undermine confidence in investment conditions.

Constructive news, including placing of additional orders for equipment by railroads and industrial companies, increases in the dividends of the Western Union Telegraph and several copper companies, prospective new railway financing and strength of sterling exchange. Railroads also reported substantial gains in November gross returns.

General Motors made an extreme rise of 25 points to the new record of 546 and Studebaker gained 10 3-4 to 170 1-4, with 1 to 3 point advances in Mercantile Marine preferred, United Fruit, the Harvester, Oils and the familiar unclassified issues. Rails were under moderate pressure, particularly Canadian Pacific, Great Northern, Atchison and Erie.

United States Steel was heavy at the outset, falling to 86 1-8, but recovering to 87 1-2. Bethlehem Steel was lightly dealt in but rose to 475, a gain of 6 1-2.

Demand sterling was at its best for the current movement, bills being quoted at 47 14. Francs were a triple heavy, but other continental rates held firm.

Bonds were irregular to heavy, with some contraction of dealings. Total sales, par value, aggregated $5,265,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	32⅛
American Beet Sugar	72
American Can	61¼
American Car and Foundry	81⅝
American Cities, pfd	46
American Cotton Oil	56½
American Locomotive	70½
American Smelting	99⅛
American Sugar	117⅝
American Tel and Tel	128⅞
American Tobacco	218⅞
Anaconda Copper	87½
Atchison	107
Atlantic Coast Line	115
Baldwin Locomotive	116
Baltimore and Ohio	93⅞
Bethlehem Steel	474
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	90¼
Canadian Pacific	183¼
Central Leather	59⅞
Chesapeake and Ohio	63½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	94¼
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	19¾
Consolidated Gas	143
Crucible Steel	74
Erie	43⅞
General Electric	177
General Motors	546
Great Northern, pfd	126⅝
Illinois Central	108
Interborough Consol. Corp.	22⅛
Kansas City Southern	32⅛
Lehigh Valley	81⅞
Louisville and Nashville	130¼
Liggett and Myers	255½
Lorillard Co	183
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	16¾
Mex. Petroleum	93⅞
National Lead	65
New York Central	103⅝
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	75
Norfolk and Western	120
Northern Pacific	117
Pennsylvania	59⅞
Reading	82
Rep. Iron and Steel	55⅞
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	110
Seaboard Air Line	18¼
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	40⅝
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	66
Studebaker Corp	170¼
Southern Pacific	101⅝
Southern Railway	23⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	62
Tennessee Copper	57⅝
Texas Co	215
Texas and Pacific	14½
Union Pacific	138½
United States Rubber	55
United States Steel	87¼
United States Steel, pfd	116¼
Utah Copper	80⅝
Virginia Caro. Chem.	47
Western Union	89¼
Westinghouse Electric	69⅛
Great Northern Ore	49½
Va. I., C. and C	62¾
Wabash B. W. I	29⅝
Missouri Pacific	5⅝
United Fruit	148¾

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 8. — Cotton: Spot, firm. Good middling, 8.14; middling, 7.77; low middling, 7.29. Sales, 15,000; for speculation and export, 1,000. Receipts, 9,000. Futures, steady. December, 7.53½; December and January, 7.32; January and February, 7.51½; February and March, 7.49; March and April, 7.47; April and May, 7.48½; May and June, 7.40; June and July, 7.36½; July and August, 7.33½; August and September, 7.18; September and October, 7.01½; October and November, 6.96½.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 8. — Cotton seed oil was sharply lower, under scattered liquidation and selling by refiners, encouraged by the late decline in lard and lack of outside support. Final prices were 12 to 22 points net lower. Sales, 30,600 barrels. Closed easy. Spot, 8.30 bid; December, 8.34@8.38; January, 8.38@8.40; February, 8.38@8.45; March, 8.45@8.48; April, 8.50@8.54; May, 8.56@8.58; June, 8.63@8.64; July, 8.68@8.69.

Chicago, Dec. 8. — Hogs, easy. Bulk, 6.30@6.75; light, 5.80@6.75; mixed, 6.10@6.90; heavy, 6.35@7.00; rough, 6.35@6.50; pigs, 4.25@5.75.

Cattle — SElow. Fancy Christmas beeves, 11.00@12.00; native beef steers, 5.50@10.50; cows and heifers, 2.60@8.10; calves, 6.50@10.35.

Sheep—Strong. Wethers, 6.15@6.75; [illegible] 4.25@6.25; lambs, 7.00@9.25.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 9, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 39 degrees; at 8 P. M., 50 degrees; maximum, 58 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees; mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .01.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 2.9 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Thursday and Friday.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 9, 1915.

Sun rises .. .. 7:06 A. M.

Sun sets .. .. 5:03 P. M.

Day's length .. .. 9 hrs. 57 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	11:53	11:57	6:38	7:20
Southport	9:47	10:07	3:28	4:18
Masonboro Inlet	9:36	9:56	3:18	3:58

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 8, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene	clear	68	44	.0
Asheville	clear	50	30	.0
Atlanta	clear	54	38	.0
Augusta	clear	60	36	.0
Baltimore	clear	42	..	.0
Birmingham	clear	60	40	.0
Boston	cldy	38	28	.06
Charleston	clear	60	42	.0
Charlotte	clear	56	36	.0
Chicago	cldy	38	36	.0
Galveston	clear	66	56	.0
Jaxville	clear	62	46	.02
Memphis	clear	58	44	.0
Mobile	clear	66	46	.01
Montgomery	clear	62	40	.0
N. Orleans	clear	66	52	.01
New York	clear	60	28	.0
Oklahoma	clear	64	44	.0
Palestine	clear	68	54	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	42	32	.0
Raleigh	pt cldy	54	32	.0
Savannah	clear	60	44	.0
Shreveport	clear	66	48	.0
St. Louis	clear	54	40	.0
Washington	clear	42	30	.04

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For the above occasion the Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets from Wilmington to Charleston at $7.35. Tickets will be sold for all trains on December 11, 12 and 13, limited returning to midnight of December 22, 1915. Proportionately low fares will be made from all points on the Atlantic Coast Line.

This is a convention of the greatest importance to the South's commercial, manufacturing and industrial interests, and will be an opening wedge for it's opportunities at this time. In recognition of s imporrance the United States Government proposes to send nine (9) battleships to Charleston and in addition there will be a large number of cruisers, torpedo boats and submarines there for the inspection and pleasure of the large number of the South's representative citizens who will be present.

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Ar. Norfolk.. .. .. 7:35 A. M.

Ar. Washington .. .. 7:50 A. M.

Ar. New York .. .. 1:40 P. M.

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Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Wilmington, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same that from and after the First Day of January, 1916, the following rates, rules and regulations as to the furnishing and usage of water by the inhabitants of the city are hereby adopted and declared to be in force and effect:

1.—FIXTURE RATE:—

For three-quarter inch service, one opening, a minimum charge of $1.50 per quarter. For two openings, a minimum charge of $2.50 per quarter. And for each additional opening, fifty cents per quarter.

2.—METER RATE:—

Meter Rates shall be as follows: On the first 15,000 feet or less used, 12 cents per 100 cubic feet, on excess over 15,000 feet and up to and including 30,000 feet, 9 cents per 100 cubic feet, and on excess over 30,000 feet, up to and including 45,000 feet, 6 cents per 100 cubic feet, and on all excess over 45,000 feet, 5 cents per 100 cubic feet.

3.—MINIMUM CHARGE, DOMESTIC SERVICE:—

¾ inch service	$ 2.50 per quarter
1 inch service	3.75 per quarter
1¼ inch service	5.00 per quarter
1½ inch service	7.50 per quarter
2 inch service	12.50 per quarter
2½ inch service	15.00 per quarter
3 inch service	20.00 per quarter
4 inch service	25.00 per quarter

3.—TAPPING AND INSTALLATION CHARGES, DOMESTIC SERVICE:—

For ¾ inch service	$10.00
For 1 inch service	12.50
For 1¼ inch service	15.00
For 1½ inch service	17.50
For 2 inch service	20.00
For 2½ inch service	25.00

4.—METERS:—

Meters will be installed on services at the discretion or option of the City, and when and where installed water will be sold by meter measurement only. No additional charge will be made for installing meters.

Meters will be tested at the request of consumers upon application filed in the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer, accompanied by a deposit of $1.00; upon the filing of which application and deposit aforesaid the city clerk and treasurer will issue to the water department a requisition for the testing of such meter. If the meter is found to be over registering the deposit will be returned to the consumer. If the meter is found to be registering correctly, or under registering, the deposit will be retained by the City, and will be covered into the funds of the Water and Sewerage Department.

5.—FOR FIRE PROTECTION ONLY:—

4 inch service	$15.00 per quarter
6 inch service	25.00 per quarter
8 inch service	50.00 per quarter

When user has more than one tap to same property in the same block for fire protection, one-half the above rate will be charged on each additional tap.

All expenses incurred in installing this class of service, including cost of meter, shall be paid for by the owner. Meters must be selected or approved by the Water Department.

Any water used through fire service or permitted to leak (except in case of fire) shall be charged for at regular meter rates.

6.—SEWERAGE, INSTALLATION CHARGES:—

For 4 inch service	$ 5.00
For 5 inch service	7.50
For 6 inch service	10.00

7.—

All ordinances, rules, regulations and agreements now existing and in force and which are in conflict with this ordinance or any part hereof are, to the extent of such conflict, and to that extent only, repealed.

THOS. D. MEARES,
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DEPARTURES.	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS.
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 61. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10.00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 56. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 53. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. 8:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 63. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 62. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 85. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 89. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 42. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. R. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent. WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrights ville	Leave Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrights-ville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	ae1:10 P. M.	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:45 P. M.
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cd2:35 P.M.	.....	.....	cd3:06 P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
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4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	b:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	e6:40 P. M.	7:31 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	17:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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No. 13—4:00 P. M. THROUGH STEEL SLEEPER BETWEEN WIL

DANIELS GUEST OF SOUTHERN SOCIETY

Speaks on "The Navy" at Banquet in New York.

MEN WAITING TO ENLIST

Tells How Navy Has Been Made Attractive to Young Men Since He Became Secretary—4,053 Vacancies Were Filled.

New York, Dec. 8.—The United States Navy has a waiting list at its recruiting offices and accepts only one in six men who apply for enlistment, Secretary Daniels told members of the Southern Society of New York tonight, speaking at the society's annual banquet on "The Navy." When he took office, the Secretary said, there were 4,053 vacancies in the authorized enlisted personnel of 51,000, but as a result of the steps taken to make the service more attractive to young men of proper qualifications, this has been overcome and in addition the proportion of re-enlistments has risen from 54 per cent to 9$ per cent, "which means the securing of men of long training for the service."

The Secretary dwelt upon the military necessity of the continuing building programme recommended to Congress by President Wilson, and outlined the need of the various types of ships proposed, giving particular attention to the battle cruisers.

Speedy Ships the Need.

"The necesity of vessels of the battle cruiser and scout types of fast speed," he said, "was impressed by the victories of the German navy in the early days of the war and by the English navy off Coronel, Chile, and at the Falkland Islands. In every naval event in the North sea area the leading part has been taken by these fast ships."

"The navy required other things besides the building programme," the Secretary said, "and much had been accomplished already in respect to enlistments, the co-ordination of the various activities of the department and the development of the industrial material side of the service, in order that we may be able not only to send out fleets into action, but to keep them on the first line of defense for an indefinite period."

"This means," he said, "not only the accumulation of reserve supplies of munitions and the providing of unfailing sources for the manufacture of such munitions in large quantities at a moment's notice, but for facilities for extensive repairs and new construction of ships as well."

As to Navy Yards.

"The proper function of our navy yards, aside from being mere wharves for our battleships, has been pointed out in an unmistakable way. They must be developed, so far as they can be economically, into ship repair, shipbuilding and ammunition making establishments to insure, so far as it is proposed to insure the navy's being self-sustaining in case it is ever called into action. We have done and are doing all that we can do under our present limitations and we earnestly urge upon Congress the importance of giving us the additional means for the carrying on of this work on a broader and larger scale."

As to co-ordination, the Secretary said a long step had been taken with the creation of the division of operations and the abolishment of the "aid system." "There is much more to be done," he continued, "but in regard to this vital element I feel that I can say that its accomplishment has been successfully begun and I trust before the end of my administration will be justified by results."

Navy Ready When Called.

To show how the American navy is regarded abroad, the Secretary quoted the following from Brassey's Naval Annual for 1915, who he said, was the world's authority on naval matters:

"Whatever part the United States navy might be called upon to play, there is reason to believe that it would be ready. A demonstration of the all-round efficiency was given when the orders to Mexico were issued. When Rear Admiral Badger, commander-in-chief, received his orders, he said: 'I don't know what we will be called upon to do, but we are ready.' Within 24 hours, the ships were ready and hurried to the gulf. It was a subject of congratulation that everything was so smartly done. There were tens of thousands of tons of coal, supplies, provisions, ammunition and war equipment to be put on board, innumerative administrative details to be attended and a score of ships to be put in readiness but almost before the country realized the purport of the orders the work of preparation had been ended and the ships were en route to their destination."

Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France, also addressed the society. Other guests were Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway, and Richard H. Gordon, commander of the Confederate Veterans. The diners drank a rising toast to the health and coming happiness of President Wilson.

FEDERAL AND STATE AID FOR GOOD ROADS IS DISCUSSED

Bill is Proposed for Federal Appropriation of $50,000,000.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Plans for obtaining Federal and State aid for a system of good roads throughout the Nation were discussed today at the convention of the American Association of State Highways officials. A draft of a bill to be presented to Congress was reviewed.

Under the proposed bill the establishment of a fund $50,000,000 for road buildings was outlined, half of the amount to be assumed by the Nation and half by the states.

In the distribution of this fund the bill provides that one-third shall be given to each state on the basis of population; one-third on the basis of postroads in operation and the remaining third on the basis of area. The actual work of road building would be carried out by each state highway department under the supervision of the Department of agriculture.

Officers elected for 1916 are: President, Henry G. Shirley, Baltimore, Md.; vice president, A. B. Fletcher, Sacramento, Cal.; secretary, Joseph Pratt Hyde, Chapel Hill, N. C.; treasurer, F. F. Rogers, Lansing, Mich. Executive committee, George P. Coleman, Richmond, Va.; W. M. Schier, Boston, Mass.; J. H. McDonald, Ames, Iowa; E. A. Stevens, Trenton, N. J.; Lamar Cobb, Phoenix, Ariz.

PROPOSE A CHANGE IN CAR DEMURRAGE RULES

For Relieving Freight Congestion at Port Towns.

Resolutions Drawn by American Railway Association at Chicago to Be Presented to Commerce Commission Today.

Chicago, Dec. 8:—Resolutions proposing a change in demurrage rules so as to relieve the congestion of export freight and promote a freer distribution of freight cars, were formulated today by the committee on relations between railroads of the American Railway Association, to be presented tomorrow to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington. The resolutions are to be delivered by a subcommittee composed of Arthur Hale, chairman; C. M. Sheffer, Pennsylvania lines; W. A. Worthington, Southern Pacific Company; E. H. Coapman, Southern Railway Company; George E. Evans, Louisville and Nashville railroad, and W. L. Park, Illinois Central railroad.

After reciting that a freight car shortage exists throughout the United States the resolutions declared the most effective methods of relieving the situation are to reduce the time cars may be held free at seaports, to adopt a progressive demurrage rate and to eliminate the rule for an average agreement on demurrage charges which experience has proved is prolific of car detention.

The resolutions propose that the demurrage rules be amended to allow 48 hours free time on cars, a charge $1.00 a day for the next three days, $3.00 a day for the next three days, and $5 a day thereafter. These are the present demurrage charges on refrigerator cars. The resolutions ask that immediate action be taken. For some time freight congestion at Atlantic and Gulf ports has been so great that in some instances railroads have placed embargoes on shipments to some seaports of certain commodities, while interior points have not had enough cars to carry shipments from the depots.

AUSTRIA ASKED FOR DISAVOWAL IN CASE OF STEAMER ANCONA

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unless corroboration was received from some source.

Weight Given Grell Testimony.

Much weight was given, however, to what Dr. Grell had to say. Her testimony was considered of so much importance that she was taken to Rome where she told her story to Ambassador Page. A report of this conversation reached the State Department recently.

After the inquiry of the United States had been before the Vienna foreign office several days Ambassador Penfield reported that more time was desired in which to frame a reply. Late last week Secretary Lansing instructed the ambassador to urge a prompt reply.

The American note, it is understood, sets forth that the United States cannot believe that the commanders of Austrian submarines have committed an alleged act of lawlessness except under a misapprehension of orders issued by the Austrian naval authorities. It is declared that under methods of warfare such as those employed in the sinking of the Ancona it practically is impossible, under such circumstances, to remain within the rules of fairness, justice and humanity.

Warning Insisted Upon.

The principles of humanity and justice which were championed in protest to Germany are understood to also be called strongly to the attention of the Austro-Hungarian government in this communication. Warning before submarine attacks is insisted upon. While every opportunity is said to be left for an amicable reply the belief prevails in usually well informed official circles that the communication is more vigorous than any dispatched to Germany while the controversy with that country of the conduct of submarine warfare, was in progress.

No intimation could be obtained tonight as to whether the United States had determined whether any "misinformation" appeared in the statements of the occurrence which have been issued by the Austrian admiralty. The Austrian contention was that a warning shot was fired, that the ship tried to escape and that when she finally came a stop after being hit several times, fifty minutes was given in which the passengers might have taken to the bouts.

The Italian statement on the subject alleged that no warning was given before the submarine started shelling the ship which immediatley came to a stop and that shells were exploded on the decks of the vessel and in the lifeboats, killing and wounding many passengers. Just how many American lives were lost on the Ancona never has been definitely established. It is known that several naturalized citizens were lost.

The text of the American note, it was said said tonight, will be given out for publication in morning papers Friday.

ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR GIANT STEEL MERGER

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New York, and it was reported when he left here that the merger probably would be effected before his return to this city.

Frank Vanderlip, New York banker and capitalist, said here to be partly responsible for the merger, recently was in this city, at which time he visited the shipyard and inspected the grounds adjacent to that plant. Officials of the local company, however, declined to make any announcement at that time.

It is reliably reported here that the merger will result in the capacity of this yard, now one of the largest in the country, being doubled and a huge steel mill erected in this city.

Coincident with the consummation of the merger announcement is expected here at any moment of the purchase of the Old Dominion Land Company by New York capitalists. The New York men now have an option on the land company which was contingent on the merger of the shipbuilding plant with the other named plants. The land deal involves approximately $2,000,000.

City Patrons and Visitors from Away are Most Cordially Invited to Attend the Holiday Display.

HONNET

Conservative Progress

RAILROAD MEASURE TO BE INTRODUCED SOON

Underwood Confers With the President on the Subject.

Believes Rate-Making Power of Commerce Commission Should be Broadened and Roads Protected From Conflicting Laws.

Washington, December 8. — President Wilson's railroad programme, outlined in his address to Congress, will soon be introduced in Congress and pushed by administration leaders. Senator Underwood, who first suggested the subject to the President, said, after calling at the White House today, that he would embody the suggestions in a bill if some one else did not do it first. Rate-making powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission should be broadened, Senator Underwood thought, and the railroads protected from conflicting state and Federal legislation.

"In my opinion this subject is one of the greatest before the country today," he said.

Although the President suggested that a commission be appointed to study the subject, Senator Underwood favors creation of a joint sub-committee of the Senate and House commerce committees to make a thorough investigation of the legislative needs of interstate commerce affairs.

Such a committee, empowered to sit during recesses of Congress and to report in December, 1916, would hear representatives of the railroads, the inter-State commerce commission, the shippers and the public.

Mr. Underwood said the present railroad situation seemed to indicate clearly that there should be some change in the sustem of regulation, and expressed the opinion that pending investigation bills pertaining to the subject before Congress should be dropped.

The President's recommendations were praised today by a committee of the Railway Business Association, including George A. Post, of New York, president of the organization, and H. H. Westinghouse, president of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, who invited the President to attend their organization's dinner in New York in January. The President said he would accept, if possible.

ANGLO-FRENCH ON THE GREEK FRONT NOW THREATENED

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and that six steamships, six large sailing vessels and several small craft had been sunk in lower Adriatic while conveying war materials to the Albanian coast, elicited the following official statement here today:

"The British admiralty states that the following has been received from Rome:

"Two small steamers were sunk, one of which was of 390 tons and also a few small safling vessels. Information as to the guns placed on land must be regarded as doubtful (The Austrian announcement said the warships were bombarded from land.)

"The French submarine Fresnel was attacked while aground.

"The latest Austrian bulletin speaks of a very big sailing ship sunk on the 23rd ultimo. This ship was the Callinara, 30 tons."

SEEKS SEPARATE PEACE

Montenegro Said to Have Expressed Desire to Allies.

Berlin, Dec. 8 (by Wireless to Sayville).—"According to dispatches received by the Frankfurter Beitung," says the Overseas News Agency, "Montenegro has expressed a desire for a separate peace.

"King Nicholas, according to the dispatches, personally handed to the Entente ambassadors a document suggesting the possibility of a separate peace for Montenegro, which was represented as exhausted and unable to withstand the superior forces of the enemy. The ambassadors replied that in such a case they would break off diplomatic relations and cease giving the assistance that hitherto has been accorded Montenegro."

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, who has been identified with Chicago's public schools for 53 years —the last six as superintendent—retired today. She is 71 years old. She was succeeded, by John D. Shoop, who has been her assistant.

CONFER ON PLANS FOR NEW NEUTRALITY LAWS

For Preventing or Punishing Alleged Violations

Proposals of the Administration to Be Presented to Congress is Discussed by Cabinet Members Concerned.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Plans of the administration to prevent or punish violations of American neutrality were discussed today at a long conference in the office of Secretary Lansing between the members of the cabinet whose departments are most closely connected with such subjects. The meeting was called at the suggestion of President Wilson who declared in his message to Congress yesterday that the "hand of our power" should at once close over and crush out "creatures of passion, disloyalty and anarchy" who seek to make the United States a hotbed of European passion.

Attorney General Gregory, Pastmaster Genueral Burleso nand Secretaries Garrison and McAdoo spent more than an hour with Secretary Lansing. They went into detail as to the best ways to carry out the President expressed desires.

Every member of the official family present is directly concerned in preventing neutrality violations. The Postoffice Department with its corps of inspectors, the Treasury Department through the secret service and the Department of Justice through its bureau of investigation are equipped to detect any offenses of this character. As recently announced by the Attorney General the facts gathered by agents other than those of the Department of Justice, will be turned over to that department for action but each branch of the government will look into any suspicious circumstances coming to its notice, and where there is ground for further action it will be taken promptly.

Within the next few weeks. Mr. Gregory is expected to bring to the attention of Congress the need for additional legislation to safeguard the Nation's neutrality.

Clear, Peachy Skin Awaits Anyone Who Drinks Hot Water

Says an inside bath, before breakfast helps us look and feel clean, sweet, fresh.

Sparkling and vivacious — merry, bright, alert—a good, clear skin and a natural, rosy, healthy complexion are assured only by pure blood. If only every man and woman could be induced to adopt the morning inside bath, what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of the thousands of sickly, anaemic-looking men, women and girls, with pasty or muddy complexions; instead of the multitudes of "nerve wrecks," "rundowns," "brain fags" and pessimists we should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy-cheeked people everywhere.

An inside bath is had by drinking each morning, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations and poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Those subject to sick headache, biliousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds; and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store which will cost but a trifle, but is sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance, awaiting those who practice internal sanitation. We must remember that inside cleanliness is more important than outside, because the skin does not absorb impurities to contaminate the blood while the pores in the thirty feet of bowels do.

Business Locals

Advertisements inserted under this head, One Cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words more than 25, One Cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amount being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge a Western Union Messenger to any address in the city, for advertisements in this department, upon request by 'phone to No. 51. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for collecting the telegrams, or advertisements for the Star, but a small charge for Strictly Messenger Service. Telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams and bills will be rendered to suit the sender, daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call "Western Union," but for advertisements always call the Star office, No. 51. Advertisements cannot be taken over the telephone—but upon request messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them. Contract advertising inserted "till forbid" will be discontinued only on written notice from the advertiser.

JUST RECEIVED FOR CHRISTMAS trade, corned hams, 20 cents; chocolate cream drops, 15 cents; French mixed cream drops, 10 1-2 cents; cocoanut bon bons, 12 1-2 cents. Schutt Bros., 'Phone 983. de8-23t*

THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF ST. John's Parish will hold their annual sale in the Parish House, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 9th, 3 P. M. Very reasonable Christmas articles will be for sale for big and little. A Christmas tree for the little ones. Any article on it, 5 cents. de8-2t

SPECIAL SALE — NEW AND USED coal and wood heaters of all kinds at lowest bargains. Rex Furniture and Auction Co.; 106 Dock street. de8-2t

FOR SALE — TWO-PASSENGER WAVERLY Electric roadster, in fine shape, with charging outfit and extra set tires; first offer $550.00 gets this bargain. G. F. Hunt; 'Phone 593. de8-2t

OYSTERS, OYSTERS, OYSTERS — Beans, beans, beans. Country pig pork; nice all pork sausages. We guarantee service and quality of goods. 'Phone No. 72. Batson's Meat Market; 115 Market street. de8-tf

WOOD FOR SALE — DRY PINE, SAWED and split stove size; big load for $1.00. Mixed with oak and ash, $1.25. All oak, $1.35. 'Phone 1914. de9-1t*

$5.50 PER TON FOR COAL — WE have just received a large shipment of choice lump coal, which we will sell for $5.50 per ton. Will guarantee delivery within two hours. Conklin Coal Co. 'Phone 753. de9-1t*

WHIPPED CREAM — FRESH GROUND cocoanut, pasteurized buttermilk, the kind with cream in it. Marshmallow whirp for all kinds dessert. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co. de9-1t*

WANTED — THREE OR FOUR UNfurnished rooms for light housekeeping by couple without children. Must be reasonable and near Union depot. Address "XX," care P. O. Box 422, City. de9-1t*

WANTED — FIRST CLASS BARBER. Apply Wm. Tiencken, No. 20 Princess st. de9-1t*

FOR RENT — APARTMENT COMpletely furnished for light housekeeping. On first floor. Apply 119 Orango street. de9-1t*

25 SALESLADIES WANTED — MUST be over 16 years old; honest, intelligent and willing to work. Address "Saleslady," care Star. de9-1t*

NEW WAY MARKET SPECIAL — Turkeys, chickens, wild ducks, fresh eggs, oysters, Berkshire sausage, Oranges, 25 cents dozen. Grape fruit, lettuce, celery, green peppers, egg plant, tomatoes, yams, York State potatoes, okra, corn on cob, small green peas. 'Phone 816-817. W. H. McEachern. de9-1t

NO. 214 QUEEN ST. FOR SALE — ONE Hundred Dollars Cash, balance on time, buys this nice cottage. For price and terms, see J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess. de9-3t

FOR RENT — THREE NICE LARGE rooms, upstairs. Will rent cheap. Apply 711 Red Cross. de9-1t*

STORE AND DWELLING FOR SALE— Located on corner of Wood and Green street; Fifty Dollars down, balance weekly; a twelve per cent. investment and in a fine location for business. See J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess. de9-3t

FOR RENT — MODERN TWO-STORY 6-room dwelling, No. 505 Ann street, near 5th, in first-class condition; delightful southern exposure. Reasonable terms. W. G. Whitehead. 'Phones 408-J and 229-J. de9,12-2t

NO. 709 WOOSTER ST. FOR SALE — New cottage, just completed; can be bought on easy terms. See J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess. de9-3t

TODAY ONLY — EGGS, 32 CENTS; 3 lbs. peaches, 25 cents; 3 lbs apples, 25 cents; yam potatoes, 20 cents peck; Baldwin apples, 40 cents peck; corned hams, 20 cents lb.; sirloin steak, 20 cents lb.; round steak, 19 cents lb.; Our Make sausage, 20 cents lb. 'Phone 2081. J. C. Moore, 609 Red Cross. de9-1t*

AUTO FOR SALE — WE HAVE AN "Everett Six" 48 H. P. Touring Car for sale, or will trade for real estate. See J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess. de9-3t

WANTED — A PARTNER WITH FEW hundred dollars to invest, to take active part, with good salary, in a live, paying business. Address Investment, care Star. de9-1t*

WANTED — WHITE BABY NURSE. — Must have good references. Apply 419 North Third street. de9-1t*

NO. 706 BRUNSWICK ST., FOR SALE— We have a combination of Home and Investment in this house. Two Hundred Dollars down; balance on time. Located in fine renting section. For further particulars, see J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess. de9-3t

WANTED — GOOD HOUSEKEEPER wants position for general housework. Thoroughly experienced, honest and good worker. Colored. Address 521 South 5th street. de9-1t*

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Condensed Report of Condition to Comptroller, at Close of Business, November 10th, 1915.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,417,310.29	Capital Stock	$ 250,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	270,000.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits	57,333.30
North Carolina 4 per cent Bonds (at par)	45,000.00	Circulation	250,000.00
Bonds and Securities	24,213.50	Rediscounts (with Federal Reserve Bank)	77,266.45
Banking House and Fixtures	45,662.65	Special Bond Account	45,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00	Reserve Account (for Building)	20,000.00
Real Estate	43,026.36	Bills Payable	70,000.00
Cash in our Vaults $124,501.42		DEPOSITS	1,692,829.70
Due from Banks and U. S. Treas. 454,314.73	608,816.15		
Total	$2,462,929.45	Total	$2,462,929.45

Began Business in 1908, with Capital of $50,000.00. 6 Per Cent Annual Dividends Paid Since Organization.

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STATEMENT CONDITION

THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK

OF WILMINGTON, N. C.,

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 10th, 1915.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$4,745,818.48	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	810,000.00	Surplus and Net Profits	665,558.88
Bank Building	487,793.51	Circulation	750,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	288,400.00	Special Deposit Bonds	115,000.00
Liquidation Account Southern National Bank	106,138.65	Special Reserve	21,000.00
Cash and Due by Banks	2,011,503.12	Deposits	5,898,094.88
	$8,449,653.76		$8,449,653.76

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Don't throw him away; don't spend him foolishly, but get his worth whenever you pass him along. Every Dollar, every Dime, every Nickel deposited in this bank brings its owner full value and lays the foundation for future prosperity, happiness and comfort.

Open an account today. Take care of that Dollar, and he will take care of you.

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PAY 4 PER CENT COMPOUND INTEREST.

BOYS WANTED — 50 BOYS WANTED to make a canvass in residential part of the city for Saturday Evening Post customers. Sample copies supplied. Apply to J. T. Gordon, 17 Princess street. oc27-tf

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DOLL HOSPITAL — HEADS, WIGS, natural hair wigs, hands, arm and legs. Dolls restrung. Dolls dressed. 'Phone 1794-J; 311 Fifth ave., north. de2-14t*

FRONT STREET STORE FOR RENT. Next to Bijou. Very desirable location. Two floors. Steam heat furnished. Will not be vacant long. W. A. McGirt, Masonic Temple building. no11-tf

FOR RENT — LARGE, BRIGHT, WELL furnished room, with modern conveniences. Centrally located. Near Post Office, 216 North Second street. 'Phone 773. no23-tf

ACADEMY OF MUSIC ORCHESTRA invites offers for dances, receptions and parties, 3 to 12 musicians furnished; out of town engagement solicited. Address H. W. Hollowbush. no 17-1mo

NOTICE TO PUBLIC — FURNACE and stove repairs done reasonable; heaters relined, good as new. Have your roof repaired now. Satisfaction guaranteed. 'Phone 431. W. B. Klander, 32 South Second street. Also roof painting done. no28-tf

THE SOHMER PIANO WILL COMpare favorably with any piano made in America. We invite a comparison, either in an upright or grand. Yopp & Woody Music Co., 217 North Front street; 'Phone No. 313. de8-tf

WANTED — MEN TO CALL ON HARDware and paint dealers with a high-grade line of Driers. Commission basis. Good opportunity. Address "Driers," care Star. de8-2t*

WANTED — JANUARY 1ST, POSITION as cashier or assistant cashier of bank in small town, by a thoroughly experienced bank man. Capable of filling any position in bank that totals $300,000 or less. Address "Banker," care Star. de2,th,su,tu-6t*

AUCTION SALE — 1,200 ACRES, E. S. Smith farm, near Lillington, N. C., Thursday, Dec. 16th, 10 A. M., 200 acres of this best gravel land, 18 to 25 feet deep; 75 to 80 per cent. rock; very valuable for roads, streets, or concrete work; 9 houses on farm in good repair; good land for cattle raising and for raising fine tobacco. Easy terms; one-fourth cash, balance one, two and three years. Southern Realty and Auction Co., Greensboro, N. C. de3-f,su,tu,th-7t

FOR SALE — ELLINGTON BABY Grand Piano. Cost $600.00 a year ago. Price $250.00; 10 per cent cash, $12.50 a month, time. Johnson, 219 South Second street. 'Phone 1776-J. de7,tu,th,sa,su-4t*

SCHOOL SUPPLIES — MAPS, CHARTS, globes, blackboards, report cards, school books, etc. Catalogue free. Also teachers for January schools. Sheridan Teachers' Agency, Greenwood, S. C. de5su,tu,th-3t*

BOILERS FOR SALE — OUR TRADE has been drawing heavily on our stock of boilers. We can furnish you yet certain sizes from 10 to 150 H. P. at very reasonable prices. Careful boiler buyers always deal with us. There is a reason. Wilmington Iron Works. de5-su,tu-2t

WANTED — COMBINATION BOOKkeeper and collector. Must come well recommended. One who knows the city preferred. "Business," care Star. de3-2t

Ideal Christmas Gifts

We have a great variety of attractive and unusual articles suitable for Christmas presents.

All the latest books of fiction, gift books and books for children. Books always make gifts of permanent value.

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